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Mrs Margaret Kenyatta is joined by her team for a morning run in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, ahead of an African First Ladies' meeting yesterday.
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Treasury chief grilled for hours over Sh67bn

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Treasury Permanent Secretary Kamau Thugge was grilled for more than four hours by the

Public Accounts Committee (PAC) of the National Assembly over the unaccounted for Sh67 billion queried in the auditor-general's latest report.

Committee chairman Nicholas Gumbo, Mbalambala MP Abdikadir Omar and Kibwezi East MP Jessica

Mbalu did most of the questioning, and asked the PS how the national government would fail to account for such a huge amount.

The MPs also asked why the Con-

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NO RETREAT | Head of State says fight against illegal liquor will go on until there is none left to fight

Recovering alcoholics win Uhuru's support

Rehabilitation will go hand-in-hand in the fight against illicit liquor, says President

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President Uhuru Kenyatta has pledged support for the youths recovering from alcoholism and called for support from Kenyans in the war against illicit liquor.

Speaking yesterday in Murang'a town during a funds drive in aid of Murang'a Catholic Diocese project in Runda, Nairobi, at Mumbi grounds, the President also said the crackdown against illegal alcohol will not relent.

The government will find ways to make youths who were rendered economically unproductive by alcohol to stand on their feet again.

"My appeal is for your support so that we can eradicate illicit liquor because, if we allow our youths to be destroyed by these brews, we are destroying the future of the county and the country at large," said Mr Kenyatta.

The President said consumption of illicit liquor has broken down families in many parts of the country, adding that no effort would be spared in the

fight against its production and consumption.

"When you turn the youth into addicts of illegal alcohol you are crippling the society and the whole country," Mr Kenyatta said.

Murang'a Governor Mwangi wa Iria said President Kenyatta will be remembered for spearheading the crackdown on illegal alcohol.

"You might not know the magnitude of what you have done for us but you will be remembered in history for spearheading this war," the governor said.

When Mr Wa Iria requested the President to visit the Murang'a County Alcohol and Drugs Rehabilitation Centre at Ihura Stadium next week to see the

progress being made, Mr Kenyatta said he would do so.

"I will come back, God willing next week, so that I can get a chance to talk to these young men and see how we can help them get back to normal life," the President said.

"Your governor had invited me to go and visit the recovering alcoholics at Ihura stadium, but because of my tight schedule I'm unable to honour the request but I will be back, God willing next week," he said.

On stand-by

The rehabilitation camp was established following the crackdown on illicit brews. The camp, which is holding about 500 people, has a team of medics on stand-by.

The recovering addicts at the camp are also given investment advice and other life skills, and when one is brought to the camp, they are interviewed to see if they are ready to reform.

President Kenyatta thanked

“

You might not know the magnitude of what you have done for us but you will be remembered in history for spearheading this war”

Governor Wa Iria



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President Uhuru Kenyatta greets Murang'a Catholic Bishop James Maria Wainaina at Mumbi Grounds in Murang'a during a fundraiser for Runda Retreat Centre, Nairobi yesterday.

area leaders for supporting the government to curb consumption and distribution of illicit brews, which has rendered thousands of youths unproductive.

At the same time, the President consoled the families of pupils who drowned in the Indian Ocean on Wednesday afternoon.

Seven students from St Martin's Primary School in Kahuro, Murang'a, drowned while on a school trip to the coast.

Mr Kenyatta said those who have

been given the responsibility of taking care of pupils should take their responsibility seriously.

More than Sh110 million was raised at the fundraiser with President Kenyatta donating Sh6 million. The chairman of Equity Bank, Mr Peter Munga, donated Sh5 million.

The funds will be used to construct a conference and retreat centre called CDM Runda Conference and Retreat Centre estimated to cost Sh144 million.

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Sh826m NYS probe 'out in three weeks'

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Kenyans will have to wait for another three weeks to know the details of the Sh826 million theft attempt at the National Youth Service.

Yesterday, the head of the Directorate of Criminal Investigations (DCI), Mr Ndegwa Muhoro, told *Sunday Nation* that they were in the final stages of the probe.

"We may not want to share details with you right now but I can tell you that in the next three weeks, we will make public our findings," he said.

NYS is under Devolution and Planning Cabinet Secretary Anne Waiguru.

Claims of corruption at the service saw Ms Waiguru summoned by members of Parliament in June to shed light on allegations of pilferage that have seen the opposition Cord call for her resignation.

Interestingly, it is the minister who invited the DCI to help unearth what could be one

of the biggest scandals under President Uhuru Kenyatta's watch.

But the opposition argues that in so doing, she kept the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission from investigating the matter, allegedly to get preferential treatment by the DCI.

It later emerged that the Devolution ministry attempted to arm-twist Treasury officials to alter details of the controversial payments in the electronic platform, known as Integrated Financial Management Information Systems (IFMIS).

At one point, Treasury Principal Secretary Kamau Thugge raised the red flag on the goings-on at the Devolution ministry by cautioning PS Peter Mangiti against improper financial procedures.

NYS deputy director Adan Gedow Harakhe tried to work backwards to correct the situation by calling on IFMIS director Jerome Ochieng to open up the accounting system to delete the payments.

POWER OF A WOMAN | Ms Muhoro is the only non-local teacher in her school that is a few kilometres from Somalia

I fear Shabaab, but I love my pupils so much I can't leave

Teacher from Nyandarua has defied calls by colleagues and family to move from Garissa, arguing that her little angels need her

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Ms Monica Muhoro has a simple yet powerful explanation why she has defied al-Shabaab attacks to continue teaching her pupils in Garissa. Some people, she says, get into teaching by accident. To others, it is a calling and there is no doubt in which category she falls. The determined teacher has stayed put in the Mansabubu Primary School in far-flung Fafi sub-county, about 120 kilometres from Garissa. “The sight of these innocent faces that are thirsty for education is what holds me back whenever I pack my bag and think of running away like my colleagues,” she says while pointing to the pupils in her overcrowded classroom. A few months ago, al-Shabaab militants raided two villages in Bulla Golol and Yumbis not

very far from her school and “preached” to locals twice. They announced that they would not spare non-local civil servants in a bid to send a strong message to the Kenya Government that it must withdraw its soldiers from Somalia. The fear of the Shabaab has forced an exodus which has seen some schools being single-handedly run by head teachers. But not Ms Muhoro. She stayed behind to continue doing what she does best – teaching – in the school which is a few kilometers from the Kenya-Somalia border. What is more remarkable is that she teaches in a school located in an area which does not have communication or roads. When the *Sunday Nation* team visited the school recently, Class One pupils were singing the alphabet in unison while finishing off the term’s syllabus before closing school. Ms Muhoro says her teaching is a call from God to mould responsible citizens for the future. “If we abandon these young souls now at their hour of need, we shall make them more vulnerable to embracing bad ideology



Ms Monica Muhoro of Mansabubu Primary School stayed put in Garissa even after all her colleagues left due to insecurity.

out of desperation for knowledge,” she said. Ms Muhoro says that her lowest moment as a teacher was when terrorists raided Garissa University College and massacred 142 people, the majority of them students. “When schools were re-opening in May, a month after the April 2 killings at the college, I started packing for my return journey here. My family felt distraught over my decision,” she says. “My family were justifiably concerned over my safety but they couldn’t understand the power of the innocent faces of my little Class One pupils whose future is in my hands and that of other teachers.” She said she decided to come back and help the pupils. “I’m sure if I didn’t return these innocent children, who hold the key to the future prosperity of this region,

would have been out of school now just like thousands of their colleagues in other schools which closed after they were abandoned by their teachers. The local communities are equally hurt by the actions of those killing innocent people,” she said. Ms Muhoro is the only non-local teacher in her school after six of her colleagues joined other teachers who fled from the region. The exodus of teachers has created a major crisis in the education sector in the region. Last week, the Teachers Service Commission transferred more than 800 teachers who were camping at its headquarters demanding new stations. In December, the Somalia-based militants killed more than 20 teachers in Mandera after they waylaid a Nairobi-bound

bus and pulled out non-Muslim travellers before executing them in cold blood. The most recent attack was an assault in the Soko Mbuzi area which killed 13 quarry workers and the wife of the landlord who attempted to dissuade attackers from killing her tenants. “After the Mandera attack, teachers in our school became so restless due to the area’s proximity to the border with Somalia. None of my colleagues turned up for the second term fearing for their lives, forcing me to handle all classes just to make sure pupils at least had one or two lessons per day and hoping that things would get better soon but that has not happened,” says the soft spoken teacher from Nyandarua County. “I pray hard every day to God to keep me safe from the hands of anybody who wants to harm me unjustly. I believe my prayers won’t fail me as I’m serving to shape the future of innocent children.”

Deserve education

Her particular passion is handling the youngest pupils. “Since I was posted in north eastern I took interest in teaching lower classes, which are mainly avoided by most of the teachers due to the extra work and patience required to teach children mostly under 10 years. I believe these children deserve education just like any other children in the country,” said Ms Muhoro who is the first born in a family of six. Ms Muhoro appealed to the government to boost security in the area and especially to return the Administration Police post which was withdrawn from Mansabubu over security concerns. Kassim Elite Forum, a group of professionals who conducted a funds drive to recruit untrained teachers to step in for the departed tutors, praised Ms Muhoro’s stance. “She is a great example and we appeal to her colleagues to come back and provide the much needed services to children in the region,” said the forum’s chairman, Mr Ahmed Omar.

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The number of teachers who were transferred last week after refusing to return to North Eastern

“The sight of these innocent faces that are thirsty for education is what holds me back whenever I pack my bag and think of running away like my colleagues,”
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INTRIGUES | The trail dates back to 2011 when Kenya allowed Uganda to import duty free sugar through Mombasa port because of

How sugar barons arm-twisted state to accept imports

The lords wondered why Kenya was blocking their sugar yet Uganda is Kenya's largest trading partner; they then adjusted laws to suit their intentions and lobbied President Museveni

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In November last year, President Yoweri Museveni was in the central Uganda district of Luwero to open a chicken processing plant.

During the event, the business leaders present led by the chairman of the Yo Kuku chicken processing plant, Mr Alykhan Hudani, complained of Kenya's restrictive behaviour towards goods from Uganda.

In his response, Mr Museveni blamed Kenyan officials who did not understand the need for faster regional integration. "Some of the Kenyan officials are narrow-minded. They are trying to block sugar, milk and now chicken. If I said no to Kenyan products here, they would not like it," Mr Museveni said. He vowed to take up the issue with his friend, President Uhuru Kenyatta.

President Museveni's remarks were, however, interpreted in the context of support for calls by Uganda sugar barons for Kenya to open up its market.

Just the week before the Yo Kuku remarks, Uganda Sugar Manufacturers Association had leaked to Kenyan media details of their meeting in which one of their resolutions was to fight to lift orders by Kenya blocking sugar imports from Uganda.

Led by the association chairman Jim Kabeho, the lobby group demanded explanations as to why Kenya was discriminating against Uganda.

"Sugar from other countries in SADC (Southern African Development Community) and Comesa (Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa), which are not in the East African Community, enters Kenya with ease," Mr Kabeho said, adding that the Ugandan sugar industry wanted answers on Kenya's restrictive policies.

Kenya has, however, been

granted protectionist measures from the Comesa trading bloc for more than a decade.

Four months before the November Kampala meeting, an East African Community ministers meeting had ordered the regulatory authorities to meet and resolve the standoff. Uganda had reported Kenya for imposing non-tariff barriers to their exports against the common market rules. The outcome did not please the sugar barons, a development that saw them turn to political lobbying.

The controversy triggered by the deal reached between Kenya and Uganda officials last week can be traced back to August 2011 when Kenya allowed Uganda to import sugar through the Port of Mombasa duty-free for a period of six months following a request by its officials to help the landlocked nation plug a deficit it was experiencing at the time.

The only condition was that the duty-free sugar would be consumed only in Uganda and if it was re-exported back to Kenya, a levy of 100 per cent would be charged like any other sugar imports.

At the expiry of the stay period in January 2012, however, Kenya tax officials observed that sugar imports from Uganda were rising steadily, which led to accusations that Ugandan sugar barons, with the possible collusion of their networks in Kenya, were circumventing the arrangement and re-exporting the sugar from other countries back to Kenya.

Kenya imposed an import ban on Ugandan sugar in October 2012 on suspicion that the manufacturers were abusing the 2011 import window and dumping duty-free sugar in Kenya.

In February 2013, the Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA) stopped more than 220 tonnes of sugar from Uganda from entering the country. KRA said it was difficult to distinguish between sugar imported during the stay period and other regular imports.

Players in the Ugandan sugar in-



dustry, however, said the country's sugar production had improved thus the surplus. Manufacturers in Uganda complained that Kenya was placing trade barriers on its sugar and going against EAC common market rules. They accused Kenya of hiding behind Comesa rules to impose a restriction on imports.

The opposition Cord and MPs from the sugar belt have expressed fears that unscrupulous traders, some of them Kenyans, could import sugar from countries like

Brazil and have it repackaged in Uganda then sold as a product of that country, therefore, flooding the local market to the disadvantage of the local industry.

Kenya was first granted protectionist measures from the Comesa trading bloc in March 2002 for one year. That deal was again extended upon expiry in 2003 for another year. The second extension of four years came in March 2004, only to be extended again for another two years upon expiry in 2008. The third two-year extension expired in February 2014. The Comesa safeguards were renewed in February 2014, even as the country exhausted the maximum allowable 10 years under the World Trade Organisation remedies.

The extensions were granted by Comesa on the basis of a 2007 special amendment to the bloc's rule that allowed safeguards for a maximum of eight years.

Sugar manufacturers in Uganda have persistently argued for the opening of Kenya's sugar market to offload its surplus even as players in the sugar sector in Kenya have been agitating for reforms to turn around the fortunes of the sector that supports the livelihoods of around 250,000 small

scale farmers.

With Kenya relying on the safeguards to stop imports, Uganda sugar manufacturers escalated the matter by moving to have EAC declare their country a sugar-surplus nation, to render KRA's attempts to stop the sugar imports an illegality.

"We cannot renege on the commitment with the EAC member states on facilitating trade across borders. What we need to do is to make production of sugar in the country competitive," said Mr Paul Mbuni, the chairman of the Kenya Society of Agriculture Professionals.

Mr Kabeho said Uganda had informed the EAC member states that it was now a surplus producer of the commodity and, therefore, continued importation of duty-free sugar would not assist in strengthening the industry in the region.

Uganda has an installed capacity of 19,800 tonnes crushed per day (TCD). The manufacturers said the increased production was due to opening up of new mills and expansion of existing ones.

According to Uganda manufacturers, the country produces about 465,000 metric tonnes of

SHORTAGE

Comesa cap on importation

To protect its weak sugar sector, Kenya is allowed under Comesa trade rules to impose a limit of 300,000 tonnes on sugar imports, which is the estimated annual deficit. Kenya's deficit of 250,000-300,000 tonnes is covered through temporary issuance of import permits by the Sugar Directorate (formerly Kenya Sugar Board — KSB)

Pact jeopardises privatisation of milling companies

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There is concern the pact that Kenya has entered into to import cheap sugar from Uganda could have a damaging effect on investor confidence and hinder the privatisation of the five publically-owned sugar millers.

Farmers' representatives and economic experts see the move as counter-productive to the on-going privatisation plans.

The government intends to sell 75 per cent stakes in Nzoia, South Nyanza (Sony), Chemelil, Muhoroni and Miwani, the latter two having

been placed under receivership. In fact, Miwani is completely grounded.

The Privatisation Commission advertised the intended sale in May and the transactions, and in an earlier interview the commission's chairman Henry Obwocha the exercise is to be completed in the next nine to 12 months.

"The potential investors will be disillusioned. If you allow cheap sugar to come in, how will the investors recoup their investments? Why would someone put money in a venture whose returns are being undermined by cheap imports?" Dr Samuel Nyan-demo, an economics lecturer at the

University of Nairobi said. Neither Mr Obwocha nor the commission's CEO Solomon Kitungu had responded to our queries about the impact the agreement will have on the exercise they are undertaking.

Secretary-General of the Kenya Federation of Sugarcane Farmers (KFSF) Ezra Okoth also questioned the reasoning behind the signing of the agreement between Kenya and Uganda.

According to Mr Okoth, even if the government cancelled all the debts owed by the five millers, potential investors will be required to put in a lot of capital to install new technology and modernise production.

"As farmers who have been looking forward to the revival of the local millers, we are shocked that the government, without consulting us, could go ahead to sign the agreement," he said.

The Sugar Campaign for Change coordinator Michael Arum also said the proposed importation of sugar will negatively affect the privatisation of the millers.

"No investor can make such investment risk in a sector where the government is hostile," he said.

The five millers listed for privatisation are operating below capacity, partly as a result of outdated technology, ineffective leadership, high cost

of production and corruption.

As a result, the five millers have accumulated a debt of Sh59 billion. Mumias, which is not listed for privatisation, was in June given a Sh1 billion State bailout.

The commission has hired five consultants to conduct the valuation and offer advice on the process.

But economics consultant Gerrishon Ikiara called for sobriety when handling the sugar issues in Kenya and the reported agreement with Uganda.

For Mr Ikiara, what has so far come out is politics between Jubilee and Cord, and little facts about the agreement.

the serious local shortage



EVANS HABIL | NATION

President Uhuru Kenyatta, his host President Yoweri Museveni (left) and First Ladies Margaret Kenyatta and Janet Museveni toast to the cordial relations of the two countries at Entebbe State House.

sugar against a consumption of 320,000 metric tonnes, leaving them with a surplus of 145,000 metric tonnes.

Sugar production is projected to reach 623,700 tonnes this year. New mills in Kamuli, Kafu, Kiryadongo, Luwero and Aliak are expected to further increase the country's production in the next two years.

In December 2014, Kenya ceded ground to Uganda's demands, allowing them to bring in sugar with the only requirement being application of import permits, which would be issued within a week. This was a culmination of lobbying that enlisted the support of President Museveni.

Matters cooled down somewhat after assurances that Uganda exporters would be facilitated to trade across Kenyan borders without barriers as long as they acquired the required documents.

Kenya is considered the second most attractive market for sugar imports after the European Union in part due to a high cost of production that is almost double the global average of \$300 (Sh30,000) per tonne.

Data from the now defunct Kenya Sugar Board puts the local production cost at \$870 (Sh87,000) per tonne, way above other Comesa producers like Malawi, Zambia and Swaziland that incur a \$300-350 (Sh30,000-35,000) cost per tonne. The other countries where the sugar imports come from are Zambia, Madagascar and Egypt.

Statistics from KSB last year demonstrate why regional sugar barons want to get a stranglehold on the Kenya market. Sugar in Kenya sells at an average of \$2 per kilogramme, in Tanzania at \$1.25 and in Uganda at \$1.5 making the country attractive even to sugar imports from neighbouring countries. At the time the dollar rate against the Kenya shilling was in the Sh80s unlike now at an average of Sh100. And it's not only in Uganda that

the barons used the state to gain access. In February 2013, Zambia moved to impose duty on imports from Kenya.

Zambia's Trade permanent secretary, Mr Stephen Mwansa, said slapping duties on Kenyan goods was in retaliation for Kenyan authorities blocking Zambian sugar manufacturers.

"There is no way we are going to allow their goods to come here while they are blocking our goods. It is trade retaliation," he said.

At the time, 10 lorries of sugar were marooned at Namanga on the Kenya-Tanzania border for more than two weeks. Kenya was reacting to what was clearly a smuggling ring.

Between January and November 2012, Zambia's sugar exports to Kenya had spiked by 142 per cent to 90,405 tonnes. It was the same story for Uganda which jumped 415 times from 73 tonnes in November 2011 to 30,299 tonnes in November 2012. Late last year, the government approved sugar importation, with the Sugar Directorate giving the green-light for pre-shipment by 21 firms to import 89,100 tonnes of brown/mill white.

Other countries where sugar imports were sourced from were Zambia (24,500 tonnes), Madagascar (25,000 tonnes) and Egypt (2,000).

Uganda's push for access to the sugar market is leveraged on the need for balance of trade, which is currently in favour of Kenya.

According to the 2014 Economic Survey, Uganda was the largest destination of exports from Kenya, constituting lime, cement and fabricated construction materials (other than glass and clay).

This earned Kenya Sh65 billion in 2013, compared with Sh67 billion in 2012. On the other hand, Uganda exported goods worth Sh16 billion to Kenya in 2013. In 2014, Kenya exported goods worth Sh61

Deal threatens to wipe out Jubilee gains in western Kenya

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The sugar deal between Kenya and Uganda could reverse the political gains Jubilee Coalition has had in western Kenya.

The numerous tours the top leadership has had to the region, the political appointments of key figures from the region and a lacklustre opposition had given the ruling coalition an upper hand in the vote-rich region.

For this reason, Deputy President William Ruto has been on a tour of the region for days preaching the gospel that the deal will not hurt farmers.

Mr Ruto yesterday spent the second day battling a political storm generated from the sugar deal which critics say will kill the struggling local sector.

Just a day after holding meetings in Nambale, Mr Ruto was in Teso, Busia County, in a bid to mollify the region (see separate story).

Mr Ruto insists the deal is not harmful to the country's economy unlike what Cord, led by Mr Raila Odinga, has argued.

Yesterday, he said cartels were known for repackaging imported sugar into local content before selling to the locals and that is the problem Jubilee hoped to cure.

Only salvation

"This is what we are against. We want to work and cooperate with Uganda in ensuring sugarcane farmers are helped. That is genuine neighbourhood and good relations," said Mr Ruto.

He told western Kenya leaders that the government was the only salvation to the challenges facing the region.

"We cannot resolve the problems facing the sugar industry by holding demonstrations with the opposition. They can only be solved by working together with the tovernment," said Mr Ruto.

Before this, lawmakers from the region under the banner of Western Parliamentary Group caucus had on Thursday snubbed a State House invite for a meeting with Mr Kenyatta. Jubilee has been making inroads in the vote-rich region, which is largely a Cord stronghold.

The *Sunday Nation* learnt that Mr Kenyatta wanted to use the forum to explain what the deal with Uganda entailed, the intention being to enlist the support of the leaders to help silence the opposition on the subject.

For political commentators, nothing displays the high priority Mr Kenyatta attaches to the western voting bloc in his 2017 re-election bid than his swift move to invite the MPs.

The *Sunday Nation* established that frantic calls were made to the deputy majority whip and Mumias East MP Benjamin Washiali as late as Thursday morning from State House to implore the lawmakers "not to embarrass the Head of State".

Those who are privy to the conversation narrated how an agitated President Kenyatta accused Mr Washiali and his colleagues of "succumbing to blackmail" by Mr Odinga.

Asked by reporters if Mr Kenyatta had called to confirm if they were for the meeting, the whip said "there is only one tenant at the State House". Instructively, a section of Western MPs met Mr Odinga that same morning.

The fear in Jubilee is that the opposition appears to be damaging the gains made by Jubilee in the region.

Indeed, Mr Odinga has spared no breath in seeking to gain political capital and has insisted (See separate story on Page 15) that he will not relent in his demand that Jubilee make public the details of deals they are inking with foreign governments or companies so that Kenyans can understand what financial commitments they have been placed under.

Cord and Jubilee are embroiled in a headlong scramble for the western vote ahead of the 2017 elections.

Mr Odinga accuses Mr Kenyatta of being callous to the welfare of thousands of cane farmers.

The western legislators feared going to State House before details of the deal were revealed would inspire accusations such as those in 1997 targeted at then Butere MP Martin Shikuku — mostly by his Lang'ata counterpart Mr Odinga — that he had "eaten ugali" (read received a bribe) when he secretly visited then President Daniel Moi.

The debate has seen the first high for Mr Odinga who has perfected the art of rebounding after he was left wounded by US President Barack Obama's comments during a recent trip. Mr Obama accused an unnamed opposition leader of double-speak for seeking American pressure on Jubilee yet the individual resisted such intervention when he served in a previous government. The brief meeting scheduled between the US President and the Opposition was also considered an indication that they were not a priority.

A senior ODM official admitted that the sugar deal had handed them a new lease of life.

"Now it is a draw. We are now beginning on a clean slate after the Obama debacle and they won't like it. The turn of events demonstrates that the friendship between Jubilee and western politicians is built on quicksand, and we want residents there to know," he

said of their gambit.

Jubilee has also stumbled in its communication on the issue, with an initial statement mentioning the sugar deal before Foreign Cabinet Secretary Amina Mohammed claimed no agreement was inked — on the same day President Kenyatta was apparently defending the decision to get Kenya's deficit of the sweetener from Uganda.

To explain Mr Kenyatta's decision to hurriedly call the legislators, University of Nairobi's political scientist Winnie Mitullah says the sugar debate threatens to undo the gains Jubilee has made in Western.

"The most natural thing for him was to rush and secure the region before anything else. The President is keen to get the confidence of the western political class by explaining what the supposed deal entailed," Prof Mitullah, who is also the director of the Institute for Development Studies, argues.

ODM Secretary-General Ababu Namwamba thinks going to State House on Thursday would have set the legislators' caucus against farmers, depicting it as not being sensitive to their plight.

"The moment you isolate Western, the message you are sending is that either it is politics you are playing or that you believe that the region is a soft target. But again, who do you start engaging on something you have not seen?" he asked.

To him, the fact that MPs from Nyanza and Coast, areas that also grow sugar cane, were sidelined in the proposed meeting is a clear indication that politics was at play.

Sugar belts

"It is alarming that he (Mr Kenyatta) chose to invite MPs from Western only while Nyanza and Coast are affected too. Why do you want to isolate Western when the sugar agenda touches three key sugar belts. Why don't you deal with the matter comprehensively?" he said.

To some, Mr Kenyatta landed in a self-inflicted political mine-field by taking part in the debate, something they feel he should have left to his juniors to handle.

"The surprise is that we had agreed on a framework for resuscitating the sugar industry and Mumias was going to be the starting point. This is betrayal of the good faith which was there," the Budalang'i lawmaker lamented.

The appointment of Mr Eugene Wamalwa as Water and Irrigation minister and the Sh1 billion bailout of the troubled Mumias Sugar in June, all done with considerable showmanship by Jubilee, are some of the latest moves by Mr Kenyatta interpreted as a bait for the Luhya vote.

Butere MP Andrew Toboso, whose constituents supply Mumias with cane, charges that Jubilee could be out to play politics with people's livelihoods.

"The President is not keen to pull the region out of poverty. Politically speaking, the game plan is to buy the region cheaply come the next elections," he said. Mr Namwamba said the President has ignored the plight of farmers.

"The interest of local farmers should be supreme. Rather than massaging the egos of Ugandan government and farmers, pandering to the whims of sugar barons, shouldn't we be saying that we need to protect our cane farmers?" he said.

The politicians gave examples of Western countries that give subsidies to farmers.



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Deputy President William Ruto chats with Busia Senator Amos Wako (right) during a meeting at Amase primary school in Teso yesterday.

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DELEGATION | High-powered team descends on Western Kenya to calm fears

Ruto takes charm offensive to Busia

DP tells area leaders not to politicise Uganda deal but work with Jubilee to develop the county

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Deputy President William Ruto yesterday urged leaders from Busia County not to politicise the trade deal between Kenya and Uganda.

He said the agreement, which allows Uganda to export agricultural produce to Kenya, was aimed at protecting farmers from exploitation by cartels importing sugar illegally.

Mr Ruto told the leaders, who included Governor Sospeter Ojaamong, that it was not good for them to be outside government and appealed to them to work with the Jubilee administration.

Mr Ruto was accompanied by Leader of Majority in the National Assembly Aden Duale, Kericho Senator Charles Keter, Leader of Majority in the Senate Kithure Kindiki and senators Amos Wako and Kipchumba Murkomen. URP leaders who accompanied the Deputy President asked the western

Kenya political bigwigs to work with them in the 2017 General Election.

Mr Duale specifically told Governor Ojaamong and MPs Mary Emase (Teso South), Paul Otuoma (Funyula), Arthur Odera (Teso North), John Sakwa (Nambale) and Boniface Otsyula (Bumula) to work with the government for resources to trickle down to their people. The visit came after members of the western Kenya parliamentary caucus turned down an invitation to State House to discuss the sugar deal.

Teso, where the leaders had gathered for a fundraiser for the Teso South Women Sacco, is dominated by Jubilee owing to the election of Ms Emase and Mr Odera on a URP ticket.

Ms Emase asked the Deputy President, who contributed Sh1.5 million, to help them renovate schools and

“

In the next three years, we will support more children by increasing day secondary schools by 40 per cent”

Deputy President William Ruto



Teso South MP Mary Emase welcomes Deputy President William Ruto on his arrival at Amase Primary School in Busia County yesterday

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install power.

Mr Ruto said Jubilee was committed to promoting quality education by installing power in all the 55 schools in the area.

“In the next three years, we will support more children by increasing day secondary schools by 40 per cent,” Mr Ruto said.

Mr Ojaamong said he will work with

the Jubilee government to develop the county, especially in health matters.

“We appreciate the support given to Busia Referral Hospital which was given Sh425 million to build a modern Intensive Care Unit,” said Mr Ojamoong.

He added that the additional sugar industries in the area will absorb many people who were jobless.

Barons behind Uganda-Kenya import deal

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billion while Uganda exported goods worth Sh17.5 billion to Kenya. The new development comes against the backdrop of a weakened local sugar sector amid hopes that privatisation of five mills that include Chemelil, Nzoia, South Nyanza, Muhoroni and Miwani sugar companies will breathe new life.

Players in the sector say the main focus is to steer the industry from a traditional high cost single-commodity supplier to a competitive multi-product industry that is self-sufficient, a net exporter of sugar, electricity, ethanol, paper and other goods derived from cane. They say that the objective is to cut costs at farm and factory levels while setting minimum performance benchmarks in terms of crushing capacity, applicable technology and efficiency benchmarks for all mills, and mandatory diversified products which will see the local industry claim some ground in the coming years.

A cane development campaign worth Sh1.4 billion that was disbursed to millers for onward lending to farmers and pricing of sugarcane using sugar content in Bungoma and Migori counties is under way and is expected to be rolled out to all sugar zones by the end of 2016.

The government will have to navigate the issue of meeting its regional trade obligations and protecting the interests of the local farmers, a major test for policy makers.

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DEFENCE | 'We followed expert advice and no money was lost, but the documentation was a problem'

Treasury secretary grilled for 4 hours over audit queries

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troller of Budget did not deposit about US \$2 billion — proceeds from the Sovereign Bond — in the Consolidated Fund Account as required by law, instead depositing the money in "an offshore account".

The PAC members also observed many "grave" financial irregularities, including the expenditure of huge sums of public funds by line ministries without parliamentary approval as stipulated by the Constitution and financial regulations.

"From the auditor-general's report, for example, the Ministry of Health spent Sh24.5 billion in the 2013/2014 financial year without parliamentary approval?" asked Mr Gumbo.

Ms Mbalu asked why several millions had been spent without supportive documents or evidence of transaction.

"Mr PS, can you comment on why millions of shillings were spent without any evidence of a transaction? There is no supporting local purchase order, no invoice, and no deliveries. Millions more were withdrawn without the authority of the Exchequer; why?" she asked.

Mr Thugge admitted that the threshold of "supported accounts" is documents for every transaction and that there were discrepancies in revenue and expenditures in certain ministries.

"I also find it very hard to believe that the Ministry of Health can spend Sh24 billion without Parliament's approval," he said.

He added: "But what I know is that, at one time there was a crisis after the ministry was devolved. Counties had a difficult time paying doctors and health workers' salaries for six months. The national and county governments, together with the Controller of Budget, agreed on these funds."

Mr Thugge insisted that in all the expenditures and revenue, his ministry followed expert advice from accountants and that no money had been lost, only that the documentation was the problem.

"We have had meetings and I have even written to the Controller of Budget to furnish evidence and explanation on the matters you have raised. We are still waiting for the reports from accountants from line ministries and we shall have another



Treasury Principal Secretary Kamau Thugge responds to questions from the Public Accounts Committee during a three-day retreat at Serena Beach Hotel in Mombasa. The committee sought answers to queries raised in the Auditor General's report.

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engagement with you so that we can deliberate further on the report," said the PS.

The PS noted, however, that accountants from various ministries had presented their recommendations to the office of the attorney-general on how to curb the irregularities, but were ignored.

He said the controversies cited in the auditor-general's report emanated from four main areas that include unexplained expenditures, unbalanced figures, funds carried forward from 2012/2013 financial year, and the foreign bond.

Mr Thugge told the committee that the sovereign bond — where the country borrows money from external sources — was a new phenomenon

and the country was just learning how to manage such funds. This could have led to the discrepancies, he said. He denied assertions by the MPs that the sovereign bond borrowing was made to finance the Sh327 billion standard gauge railway.

"There was no relationship between the sovereign bond borrowing and the railway. The railway had its own separate funding and was not even factored in our budget estimates," he said.

The \$2 billion sovereign bond loan will mature in 2018 and 2024, he said, with \$500 million to be paid within the first five years at an interest rate of 5 per cent.

The last tranche, \$1.5 billion, will be paid in the next 10 years, he said.

First Lady in Ethiopia for HIV/Aids meet

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First Lady Margaret Kenyatta attended the inauguration of the new president of the Organisation of African First Ladies against HIV/AIDS (OEFLA) in Ethiopia yesterday.

The event, which saw the First Lady of Ghana, Nana Lordina Mahama assuming the leadership of the organisation from Hilda Itno, the first lady of Ghana was held at the OAFLA secretariat in Addis Ababa. OAFLA brings together the wives of presidents of 40 countries in the continent with each leading their national chapters to do work in the areas of HIV/AIDS, empowering women and children.

Mrs Kenyatta has been actively involved in the fight against maternal deaths and AIDS through her Beyond Zero Campaign which has so far led to dozens of clinics opened in marginalised areas and slums within the country.

"I have given a firm commitment that I will continue running marathons in coming years to ensure no woman dies while giving life and improve child survival beyond five years," she said on her Facebook page.

Earlier, Mrs Kenyatta had done a 5-kilometre run in the Ethiopian capital together with runners from the country.

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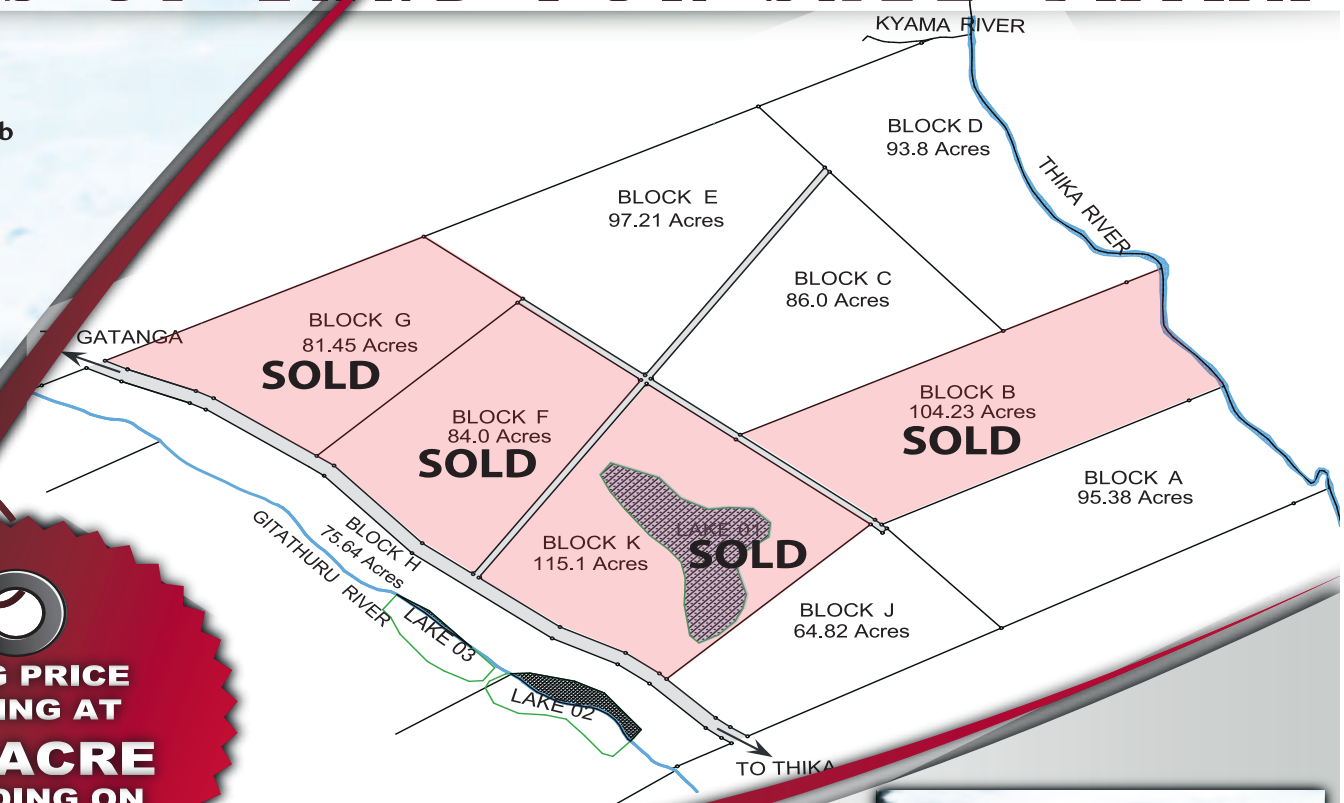
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Mystery of man behind Dubai Bank

Institution's chairman is one who claims he does not know when he was born or where he schooled

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The chairman of Dubai Bank of Kenya, Mr Hassan Zubeidi, is a man webbed in mystery and controversy in a twist that eventually culminated in the closure of a lender in which he was the principal shareholder.

The controversy regarding his dealings at the bank and mystery surrounding his nationality have in recent months deepened just like the woes that saw the bank put under receivership for flouting regulatory rules and sinking deeper into debt.

He first shot into the limelight in November 2012 with the sacking of his managing director Ms Nereah Said following the fallout that emerged after the MD accused him of mis-managing affairs at the lender.

Appearing in court in July last year, he told High Court Judge Isaac Lenaola that he could neither remember his date of birth somewhere in Lamu nor when he acquired a national identity card. His academic record also came under sharp scrutiny with claims of him having studied in Dubai, Yemen and Kenya, which he could not verify. Interestingly, he is reported to have failed to recite Kenya's national anthem or recite the president Moi-era loyalty pledge as some of the last-ditch efforts to try to authenticate his nationality.

This prompted a lawyer representing the estranged former managing

director, Ms Said, to claim that Mr Zubeidi was Yemeni and not a Kenyan citizen as he alleged, casting doubt on how he acquired the Kenyan citizenship. Mr Zubeidi, in fact, claimed he was born in Lamu in 1961 but he could neither recall the date nor the month of his birth. On further cross-examination he revealed he acquired a Kenyan ID in the 1980s in Mombasa but could neither recall the year nor the ID number.

Equally baffling is his revelation, then, that he left for Dubai in the United Arab Emirates where he attended Dubai Primary School for five years though he could not provide supporting documents. He later claimed to have left Dubai for Yemen for his high school education at Seyun Secondary but could neither prove this nor remember the year he attended the school. In Kenya, he said he attended Universal College where he attained a diploma. He also told the court that his parents had died, promising to produce their death certificates.

But, last Friday, curtains came down on him and his Dubai Bank of Kenya when the Central Bank of Kenya (CBK) put the lender under receivership for one year for falling behind on its debt obligations and failing to remit the regulatory cash reserve ratio (CRR) requirement of 5.25 per cent. In putting the lender under the receivership of the Kenya Deposit Insurance Corporation (KDIC), the CBK also sought to prevent the lender from

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Depositors rushed to withdraw their funds after trouble at the bank was made public so that by the end of 2014, only Sh4 million had been left in the bank as customer deposits

going under with depositors' savings and funds owed to creditors.

Section 43(2) of the Kenya Deposit Insurance Act, 2012 requires CBK to appoint the KDIC as a receiver of a bank if, among other reasons, it is in an unsafe or unsound condition to transact, a bank is likely to fail to meet its financial obligations, a bank has substantially insufficient capital or if there is a violation of any law or regulation.

"Dubai Bank has been experiencing serious liquidity and capital deficiencies which have raised the CBK's concerns that it will most likely not be able to meet its financial obligations as and when they fall due," the CBK said of the lender it issued a banking licence with in April 2000.

The CBK said that as a prudent regulator, it had considered and determined that Dubai Bank's violations of banking laws and regulations, including failure to maintain adequate capital and liquidity ratios as well as provisions for non-performing loans and weak corporate governance structures, is detrimental to the interests of its depositors, creditors and the public. The regulator had been closely monitoring Dubai Bank's daily cash reserve ratio from July 14, 2015 when the bank began breaching its daily cash reserve ratio requirements. The regulator also said its attempt to get the small lender to redress the situation had failed. Instead, there had been "no compliance by the bank

and its cash reserve ratios have continued to deteriorate".

"The non-compliance with the cash reserve ratios has to date attracted a total penalty of Sh5,395,721.03. Owing to the consistently deteriorating cash reserve ratio position of Dubai Bank and its failure to honour financial obligations, including KSh48.18 million due to Bank of Africa Kenya Limited, the CBK is of the considered opinion that the bank will most likely fail to meet its financial obligations in the normal course of business," the regulator said in its decision to put the lender under receivership.

The fallout between Mr Zubeidi and Ms Said revealed the seeming rot that had been going on at the bank putting at risk customer deposits that then amounted to nearly Sh2 billion by November 2012. When the fallout spilled into the limelight, depositors rushed to withdraw their funds so that by the end of 2014, only Sh4 million had been left in the bank as customer deposits.

Ms Said, who was fired in November 2012, claimed that weak governance structures abetted by the lender's chairman and principal shareholder, Mr Zubeidi, had exposed the bank to extensive fraud and theft of funds.

Since then, the bank has been faced with one claim after the other of failing to pay its debtors, a situation it has blamed on the serious cash flow challenges and depositor flight that have left it at the mercy of the CBK. The bank now joins Charterhouse Bank in receivership. Charterhouse Bank was put under receivership on suspicion of abetting money laundering activities.



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The chairman of Dubai Bank of Kenya, Mr Hassan Zubeidi.

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PARLIAMENT | MPs yet to pass Bill with proposals to regulate school transport system



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Friends and relatives console Joseph Mathenge Githinji, a parent of one of the seven pupils from St Martin primary school in Murang'a who drowned in Diani last week.

Just how safe is your child when out on school trips?

Death of seven pupils who drowned while swimming in Diani last week raises serious concerns about the risks involved during such recreational tours

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The drowning of seven pupils in Kwale this week has added to a string of recent tragedies involving school trips, raising the question of how much care schools and teachers are taking when they take children on educational or recreational tours.

In May, police in Narok County intercepted three Probox cars in which a total of 80 pupils have been crammed for a school trip. Transmara Traffic Commandant Saudi Ochiengo said some of the pupils were very young and the way they were packed into the cars amounted to torture.

In August last year, a Form Two girl drowned as she swam at the Jomo Kenyatta Public Beach in Mombasa. The student at Friends Secondary School Bwake in Trans-Nzoia County was attending music festivals.

In July 2013, 12 students died when an overloaded bus carrying learners from various secondary schools in Kisii County overturned while the driver tried to navigate a sharp bend at Nyambunde on the Itumbe-Nyamache road. The bus was taking them for a ball games competition.

In March 2012, two students of a youth polytechnic drowned while swimming in Lake Baringo while on a tour. The students aged 20 and 24 were enrolled at Comboni Youth Polytechnic in Gilgil, Nakuru County.

In August 2011, two Form Four students drowned at Masinga Dam when their boat capsized as they toured the Seven Forks dams. The students were students at St Christopher Day Secondary in Embu County.

The above are among tragedies that have met learners while on trips. In the latest incident, the Standard Eight pupils were taking a swim at a facility in Diani.

In light of the Wednesday incident and previous happenings, a parents' lobby yesterday accused teachers of

cutting costs, which puts the lives of learners in jeopardy.

However, an official of the primary school heads' association said it is time Kenyans started viewing accidents for what they are and ceased blaming teachers for every misfortune that befalls learners.

Mr Musau Ndunda, the secretary-general of the Kenya National Association of Parents, told the *Sunday Nation* that St Martin Primary School should compensate parents of the seven pupils who died on Wednesday.

"We would want to hold the teachers to account. They must be responsible for whatever transpired. Parents should be compensated because when a parent hands over their child to teachers, the latter need to take care of that child," said Mr Ndunda.

He added that the current legal framework is not stringent enough to ensure teachers are accountable for any tragedies that befall learners.

"The Basic Education Regulations 2015, currently going through Parliament, talk about safety; but the safety measures are so casual and do not address the larger picture," he said.

"It would be advisable that all school trips be cleared by the National Transport and Safety Authority, which should confirm that the vehicle is mechanically fit. Children also need clearance before they go to certain areas. The maritime authority needs to have more say in the control of the students," he added.

But Mr Charles Odida, an official of the Kenya Primary Schools Head

Teachers Association (Kepscha), noted that it is not teachers to blame but the overall education framework.

"It is not true that teachers set up learners for disaster. A misfortune is a misfortune. Like in the Wednesday incident, you know how children are. They can get out of their way when in places they want to have fun," said Mr Odida, who is the vice chair of Kepscha's Kisumu County branch.

But an English teacher at a public secondary school in the western region, who sought anonymity because he is not allowed to talk to the Press, admitted that it is time schools considered providing more adults to accompany students while on trips.

"I remember a time when two of us took 62 students to Mbita Islands. I can't imagine what would have happened if anything got out of hand," he told the *Sunday Nation*.

Mr Odida said that the trend where students travel unaccompanied by professionals like nurses can only be stemmed by a change of the education policy.

"It is different in Israel. I was there last year and observed that a school has all professionals it needs. In Kenya, where would you get money with which to hire a nurse to accompany students?" he asked.

Leaders of beach management units in Kisumu and Mombasa, areas with water bodies that are frequently visited by students, said a lot needs to be done to ensure learners don't drown.

Mr Eusephio Nyaga, the chair of the North Coast Beach Management Committee, said teachers need to understand the importance of seeking a trained professional before they allow students to swim in the ocean.

"The problem is usually the failure to follow instructions. We feel bad when a terrible incident happens and we will do anything in our capacity to avert it. All this can be avoided by teachers simply consulting with the beach management," he said.

And Mr Michael Opiyo, who is the chair of the Kichinjio Beach Management Unit in Kisumu, noted that learners need to be extra cautious because the government's emergency response is not the best.

"There is lack of coordination in the emergency response and many are the times we are forced to devise our own ways to execute rescues," he said.

Lack of regulations on school transport exposes pupils to risk

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Kennedy Obiero says his son Bob Wycliffe had a bright future.

The Class Eight pupil was top of his class at Unity Primary School last week, a fete which his father began when he started school. He was supposed to sit the KCPE exams in November and Mr Obiero knew he would excel.

But in a tragic turn of events, the family was preparing to host friends and relatives at their house in Umoja to prepare for his burial.

Bob, 14, and his seven-year-old playmate friend Dominic Kimani were run over by a bus belonging to Fadhili Junior School as they were riding on the same bicycle. Kimani was buried on Thursday at Langata Cemetery.

A week before the incident, on July 22, a standard three pupil at Kariandusi Primary School in Nakuru County died after being run over by a school bus at Diatomite area in Gilgil. According to Nakuru police boss Benard Koki, the driver of the bus belonging to Pema Victorious Academy was picking pupils when he failed to notice the presence of the boy on the road.

On the same week 21, pupils from St Michael Primary School were injured, three of them critically, after their bus was involved in an accident at Kiongwani on the Nairobi-Mombasa highway. They were on their way to Mombasa from Kitui before the driver lost control of the bus and landed in a ditch.

And on July 1, Bradley Onyango, aged 3, was run over by the same van that dropped him from school, crushing him to death at Nyayo Estate. Nairobi traffic commandant Edward Mwamburi said the van was reversing when the incident happened.

In the absence of regulations, the rate at which accidents involving school buses and vans is growing sparking concern over the management of school transport system.

"Schools don't seem to be taking issues of safety seriously, parents also don't care. It is reaching crisis levels," National Transport and Safety Authority (NTSA) director Francis Meja told the *Sunday Nation*.

"What is obvious is it's not sustainable to leave school transport matters in the hands of head teachers like for instance in the last few days we have intercepted two school buses in the North Rift and on examining the drivers both of them had more than the acceptable levels of alcohol in their body," he said.

Schools offering transport are supposed to adhere to a 2008 Safety Standards Manual by the Ministry of Education.

Among the requirements is that the buses should not be driven past 60 kilometres per hour. They should also be fitted with seatbelts, first aid kits and the name of the school and its contacts clearly displayed on the outside. Drivers too should have necessary PSV qualifications, a valid driving licence, experience and a certificate of good conduct.

The manual does not, however, put restrictions on the number of pupils a bus can carry, extra skills required of drivers or the type of vehicles that can be used for school transport.

Because of this it has become common sight to see pupils especially in Nairobi inhumanly crammed in a bus. In addition very old PSVs are being sold to schools to be used as school buses.

Most of these buses are not fitted with speed governors. In the Umoja accident last week, residents protested that the bus had been seen speeding several times, allegations Fadhili Junior school denies. Schools that do not have their own buses opt to hire PSVs.

In June police in Transmara intercepted three Probox cars that were carrying 80 children. In July 2013, 20 people including 12 students died when Rioma secondary school bus lost control and overturned in Kisii. On inspection it was revealed the bus was carrying 87 passengers instead of 60.

The incident sparked a reaction from the government and soon the Traffic Amendment Bill 2014 found its way to Parliament early last year.

The Bill proposes all school buses be painted yellow for easy identification, be with child restraints instead of seat belts if it carries children below eight years, and an assistant to the driver.

COURT | Complainant links his transfer to a robbery incident involving police officers

Flying Squad officer fighting transfer serves boss in case

Nakuru Flying Squad chief accuses Muhoro of demoting him by moving him to Marsabit

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A senior police officer in Nakuru has finally served the Director of Criminal Investigation with suit papers in a civil case challenging his transfer from Nakuru to Marsabit.

Mr Samuel Barongo Ongote who heads Flying Squad in Nakuru, went to court accusing DCI boss Ndegwa Muhoro of “punishing” him for arresting suspects in a high-profile robbery alleged to involve junior police officers.

Mr Barongo was transferred after he busted the robbery on July 15 in Salgaa along the Nakuru-Eldoret highway where mobile phones, computer accessories and garments worth Sh70 million were stolen from a trailer on transit.

Most of the goods were recovered in Gatundu and Syokimau with eight people — including police constable Mr Peter Gachie and a 70-year-old woman — charged in court. The suspects have denied the charges. Mr Barongo insists Mr Muhoro wants him out of the case for unknown reasons.

Judge Abigail Mshila had last month given

Mr Barongo 21 days to file a suit to explain why he believes his transfer to Marsabit is linked to the heist.

Papers filed in court also claim the transfer to Loiyangalani as the deputy criminal investigations officer was a demotion. In his affidavit, Mr Barongo says his woes began after he linked a traffic officer, with the robbery.

Three other police officers were also under investigation for their alleged role in the crime.

The crew of the lorry was allegedly flagged down by a uniformed traffic policeman but as the trailer slowed down, armed gangsters appeared and held them hostage as the goods were unloaded.

“I pursued the suspects to Lanet where I arrested the officers that are now under probe. I believe my transfer is linked to the ongoing investigations since no other reasons have been given

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Nakuru's Flying Squad boss Samuel Barongo Ongote at the Nakuru Law Courts in July.



since I have been in Nakuru for only one and a half years,” he says in court papers filed by his lawyer Solomon Mburu.

Mr Muhoro is expected to respond to the suit ahead of the hearing in mid-October.

Mr Mburu asserted that a police officer, like any other Kenyan, enjoys the right from victimisation by their bosses.

“You cannot victimise a police officer for doing his job. The Director of Criminal Investigation will be at liberty to provide proof of all processes that were followed to arrive at the transfer decision in the middle of a high profile investigation,” he said.

Mr Barongo moved to court under a certificate of urgency and obtained leave to file a substantive suit to contest his transfer.

He says the transfer will jeopardise his impending retirement in the next two years after serving the country “gracefully and diligently for 34 years”.

“I have a family and such an abrupt transfer goes against my interests especially now that I am preparing the leave office with a clean record of having served this country honourably. To transfer me to Marsabit is in bad faith,” he said.

He also said it was the National Police Service Commission that was supposed to transfer him.

Talk of the TOWN



WHEN IT RAINS IT POURS

It appears to be the season of cover-ups. An MP from Nyanza is alleged to be attempting to clear things up after his vehicle allegedly hit and killed a pedestrian in Eldoret late last month. To add to the intrigues, *Talk of the Town* understands *mheshimiwa* was in the company of a woman — a public figure in her own right — who is also associated with a prominent businessman. Those who have followed the drama are left with many unanswered questions: Did the MP and his companion flee the incident and leave the driver to take the flack? Have there been attempts to change the date of the accident? Only time will tell.

STONES IN GLASS HOUSES

A Cord MP knows why the recent revelations of an apparent conflict of interest involving Leader of Majority in the National Assembly Aden Duale did not attract many comments from the Opposition. The *Sunday Nation* reported that two companies associated with the Garissa MP's family — Concordia Building and Civil Engineering and Nomad Palace Hotel — were awarded contracts worth Sh400 million by the Geothermal Development Corporation at a time when the energy parastatal was under corruption investigation by a parliamentary committee. The Cord MP told his friends at a restaurant in Nairobi's Lenana Road that “many MPs”, including from the Opposition, were “living in glass houses” as they also had government contracts.

PRESIDENTIAL TURF WARS

Are there turf wars between the Presidential Strategic Communication Unit (PSCU) and the Presidential Delivery Unit (PDU)? Well, a senior official involved in organising the Global Entrepreneurship Summit and US President Barack Obama's visit last month says “there was clearly some tension” as the two crucial State House departments attempted to take charge of certain aspects of the events. Our mole in the House on the Hill says the fights may soon become public if the roles are not clearly defined — or some overenthusiastic PDU officials stopped from encroaching on PSCU territory, particularly communicating messages from the Presidency.

SNOOPING GITHONGO STYLE

A senior Jubilee MP is said to have installed a recorder in his parliamentary office — to have “proof” of his conversations with his colleagues or visitors, especially those seeking favours. Our snitch found out that the recorder is conveniently placed under the politician's desk, making it easy for him to switch it on and off. The MP may be hoping to put the recordings into good use at the appropriate time, politically. Remember how John Githongo's recordings dented the careers of then starry-eyed Narc officials, including Kiraitu Murungi, with his AngloLeasing tapes? Well, the politician's intentions may not be pure but he knows the recordings will be useful in future?

GUN DISPLAY TROUBLES

Displaying their licensed guns appears to be the new trend for some influential individuals, with some even shooting aimlessly. But a youthful politician from Nyanza, who failed in his bid to join the Senate, recently found himself on the wrong side of the law when Flying Squad officers arrested him at a Kisumu restaurant after he displayed the gun carelessly. Even after he proved he was licensed, it still took a phone call “from above” to secure his freedom.

OFFICE SHAME

The mysterious woman who recently caused an embarrassing scene in the Nairobi city centre office of a Principal Secretary remains the subject of discussion among junior staff. The woman walked straight into the PS's office shouting obscenities and threatening to strip naked. It forced the senior civil servant, who appeared confused, to rush out of the office with his bodyguards and driver running after their boss. The woman also did a “Usain Bolt” but could not catch up with the big man, who drove away.

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Resolve North Eastern schools crisis urgently

The story of Ms Monica Muhoro, featured elsewhere in this edition, is a heart-warming illustration that in these times when cynicism appears to rule, there are some truly civic-minded and committed citizens out there.

She works in a school not far from the Kenya-Somalia border in a region which has been hit repeatedly by attacks by the Shabaab militants. But, unlike many of her colleagues, she has stayed put and refused to abandon her pupils. Why? The reason she offers is powerful.

"I'm sure if I didn't (stay) these innocent children, who hold the key to the future prosperity of this region, would have been out of school now just like thousands of their colleagues in other schools which closed after they were abandoned by their teachers in their hour of need. The local communities are equally hurt by the actions of those killing innocent people."

Ms Muhoro is a true Kenyan hero. Yet the future of thousands of students in the region can't be left in the hands of just a few brave individuals. It is astonishing how casually the national government has treated the crisis afflicting the education sector in the former North Eastern Province.

National examinations are only weeks away, yet thousands of students in about 100 schools are barely receiving any quality education.

According to a union official who spoke in June, shortly after second term began, around 95 schools have shut their doors in the three counties in the region. About 1,000 non-indigenous teachers have fled from their posts and the Teachers Service Commission recently transferred some of them to other regions.

This is a major crisis which should command far more attention than it has so far from top officials, including the President and the minister for Education.

It is common knowledge that the terrorists and deviants of al-Shabaab play on themes such as exclusion and marginalisation to tap recruits.

Turning a blind eye to a crisis of such proportions can only feed into this narrative. The government should urgently convene a stakeholders' forum with the local county and parliamentary leadership, educationists and elders to chart the way forward.

They must craft short-term and long-term solutions. These should include discussing the possibility of postponing examinations in the region and setting up a fund to pay teachers willing to work there. The long-term solution obviously involves dealing with the security crisis in the three counties and this requires a cooperative and collaborative approach.

Ms Muhoro is a true hero. But the state's handling of this crisis has earned it no credit.

Death at sea: Solution needed

The death of seven pupils as they were swimming in the Indian Ocean on Wednesday has once again prompted debate on the safety of children during school trips. After such tragic incidents in the past, concern has generally been raised over the state of school transport and the wellbeing of students when they travel away from their institutions.

While such trips are important, for educational and recreational purposes, there is urgent need to take a fresh look at them and provide comprehensive guidelines. Piecemeal pronouncements such as banning night travel and overloading of school buses — directives that are sometimes ignored — are important, but they only partly address what is evidently a complex problem.

While accidents are a reality of life, every effort must be made to reduce their probability. Be it strengthening the Basic Education Regulations, enhancing the role of the National Transport and Safety Authority in regulating school transport, hiring professionals to help the teachers in taking care of students in specific settings such as during swimming or mountain-climbing and providing safety training, the tragic death of the Murang'a pupils should be a never-again moment for our nation.

This is not the time to blame teachers or others in positions of authority. It is the time for the Education ministry to lead in finding comprehensive solutions.

QUOTED

"A foolish person runs from the rain when the rain has already soaked him through."

— Igbo proverb



THIS AND THAT | Murithi Mutiga

#SomeoneTellKagame Twitter debate sums up the great question facing Africa today



Which way Africa?

Which is the better model: East Asian as in China and Singapore which takes away your liberties or Western model?

Kenya's noisy Twitter community has been on a roll lately. Earlier in the week, a senior CNN executive flew into Nairobi to deliver an apology for the network's breathlessly excited, tabloid-style coverage of the Obama visit following outrage expressed online.

At around the same time, the Internet locally was aflame with a debate on whether President Paul Kagame of Rwanda should stay in office or not.

What is Twitter? In our (relatively) youthful, urban-based arrogance, we tend to write articles about things like Facebook, Instagram or Twitter without context, forgetting that many Kenyans are actually living a blissful existence outside the world of these forums and know little about them. More, many of these fellows are actually the people who buy newspapers.

The print newspaper still brings in more revenue and pays the salaries of all the other people employed in broadcast or digital platforms in many parts of the world, a fact too often ignored or forgotten in the excitement of the digital age.

So for the benefit of those still enjoying peace outside the technological bubble, it's worth explaining that Twitter is, according to the Internet, "an online social networking service that enables users to send and read short 140-character messages called 'tweets'."

But you might prefer the definition of the majestic British actress Helen Mirren who described it thus: "Twitter is like a greasy, horrible stinky old man in a corner of a bar, and you go up to him and say 'Hi' because you want to be polite,

then he starts being horrible. Ugh! I can't believe people spend their lives writing horrible things about other people!"

Anyway, Kenyans on this thing called Twitter turned on President Kagame during the week. It all started when a chap called Levi Kones replied to an unrelated post by the Rwandan president in these terms:

"I really hope sir, you will not ruin your legacy by being President for life." (A debate is going on in Rwanda as to whether to abolish term limits and effectively keep the current president in office for a long time).

President Kagame shot back with a tweet of his own: "Worry more about your own legacy ... if you got any at all to think about!"

A tweef (a war on Twitter) was soon born with people tweeting under the category #SomeoneTellKagame.

What the debate showed, however, is that Kenyans and many East Africans are sharply divided on perhaps the greatest question facing Africans today.

Which is the better model of governance: Is it the East Asian "developmental" state seen in countries from China to Singapore which takes away your liberties but delivers measurable economic progress, the path the Ethiopians and Rwandans have chosen?

Or is it better to adopt the Western



Kagame shot back with a tweet of his own: Worry more about your own legacy"

model in which you have a noisy and open society like Ghana's or Kenya's where you have relatively free institutions such as the press and judiciary but in which some say economic progress comes more slowly than in the developmental states?

Twitter users fell on both sides of the debate. The view of financial analyst Aly Khan-Satchu, clearly in the developmental camp, was widely echoed:

"I think President @PaulKagame is the type of leader who would surge SSA (Sub-Saharan Africa) GDP to over 10% #SomeoneTellKagame."

Another prominent Twitter user, Cyprian Nyakundi, countered, quoting President Obama: "Nobody should be president for life. And your country is better off if you have new blood and new ideas."

The debate centred around two competing facts. That Kagame, on the one hand, has unquestionably been one of the most successful presidents Africa has known for the last half a century. Rwandans enjoy a better quality of life than many of their compatriots on the continent. The police don't demand bribes, the streets are clean and the investment environment the best in Africa.

But Rwanda is also a closed, many say politically repressive society, in which the vibrant, free debate that characterises, say, Uganda or Kenya is absent.

The #SomeoneTellKagame tweef may seem like a trivial, passing joke. But whether the future of Africa will look more like Kenya and Ghana or like Ethiopia and Rwanda is the great debate that will shape Africa in the next half century.

@mutigam

WHAT THEY SAID | OPINION MAKERS



“We, however, insist that it should not be mandatory to dedicate 60 per cent of our music content to local artistes. Our position is that local music should be of good quality and authentic, not something duplicated from the West. That is the only way to drive local content. Only one association should represent musicians and not four, which only harass media houses for royalties,”
– **Media Owners Association Chairman Hanningtone Gaya**



“There was no agreement signed during the visit by President Kenyatta. If there were any agreements, they must have been signed by entities outside the two governments. Our ministers have been all over the region ensuring that we have safeguards protecting the country from sugar dumping. Those safeguards have not been removed.”
– **Cabinet Secretary Foreign Affairs Amina Mohammed**



“The Ministry of Education has lopsided policies in schools discipline. The Bible has no problem with caning. The proposed curriculum promotes unfettered promiscuity, abortion and sexual aberrations and also seeks to take away the rights of children provided for in the Constitution. We, therefore demand that the curriculum be immediately withdrawn from the 34 schools where it is being piloted.” **NCCK Secretary General Peter Karanja**



“Advancing the rights, participation and development of adolescent girls, particularly through education and access to equal opportunity is therefore a smart move. When we reach out to this segment of the youth, we secure a better future for our nation. Although several key gains have been made, the achievements are notably insignificant compared to the numerous challenges afflicting the youth – **First Lady Margaret Kenyatta**

OPINION | Patrick Mbatu

This is what we should do to make sure that Wanjiku generates wealth



Matthew Effect:

How do we avoid the ‘Matthew Effect’ where the poor get poorer and the rich become richer?

Current reports indicate that while a few Kenyans have become extremely rich, more are becoming poorer despite colossal investments in infrastructure.

How do we avoid the “Matthew Effect”, where the poor get poorer and the rich become richer (Matthew 25:29, for the religiously inclined)? There are different strategies.

There are two approaches to economic development: From the top and from the bottom. The first is called “trickle down approach”, where the environment is made as favourable as possible for big businesses to thrive, using such “macro” strategies as infrastructural improvement, tax reduction, etc.

The approach assumes that the economy will improve as investors spend more and the benefits should then trickle down to Wanjiku. And everyone is happy. But it is an assumption because with a chaotic economic system allowing unbridled accumulation like is the case in Kenya, there simply aren’t stable frameworks to ensure the benefits percolate to the bottom.

The second approach uses direct action that makes it easier for Wanjiku to create wealth.

It is clear we are obsessed with mega projects as cure all. We channel disproportionate funding into them, neglecting other pro-poor interventions such as irrigation schemes, trams or the Bus Rapid Transport. Note the problems in the Galana-Kulalu scheme and lack of interest on

BRT for major cities.

Roads, railways, ports, no doubt, are necessary for overall economic development. But, as I said last week, they are not factors of production (machines, natural resources, and human capital). They facilitate the process of wealth creation. However, they are perfect conduits for rent seeking. They are popular also because they form beautiful illusions of development for our profligate middle class.

If infrastructures were factors of production, why then are we seeing only malls and gated residential areas sprouting all over and not manufacturing? Right now, we are importing more than we are exporting, despite the billions we have sunk in “mega” projects under the logic of spurring development.

So why does unemployment, food insecurity, crime and poverty remain stubbornly high in Kenya?

Along new infrastructures, incomes for mama mbogas and other lower level businesses may increase because many people will move to new residential areas along a new road. What I want to emphasise is that mega infrastructures do not have a straightforward impact on

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Roads, ports, railways are necessary for overall development but they are not factors of production”

livelihoods, or necessarily attract manufacturing.

Transport economists say that new or improved infrastructures like Thika Road may motivate investors to relocate from places where the road does not pass, leading to job loss. So what can be done?

In addition to “mega projects”, we also need bottom-up interventions that will directly help our youth to generate wealth.

Such interventions depend on the comparative advantage in a particular area.

Let’s look at two of them.

Firstly, there are interventions that could target local resources. Using tax breaks, cheap labour, land, and convenient transport, enterprises could be established in areas endowed with resources which need external capital mobilisation like in arid areas. Imagine the economic impact on livelihoods in northern Kenya if “poles” or centres for collecting livestock and meat processing factories are set every 100 or so kilometres along the Lapsset corridor.

Second, we could have “regional centres” where cottage industries producing goods for consumers in nearby towns are encouraged.

This strategy is suitable for high density areas like Central Kenya. Virtually everything; tomatoes, fruits, tubers, flowers, makuti, could be turned into some small-scale value addition enterprises.

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FIFTH COLUMNIST | Philip Ochieng

Sometimes it is better to remain silent than engage in shouting match



The Luo – my ethnic ancestors – had a saying for it: Ling’ Lo Duoko. It is that, on certain issues, to keep quiet is much more effective than to reply to every clamorous accusation. Quite clearly, however, Kenya’s political class has never heard of such wisdom. Otherwise, our elite would know better than to reply the way they do to certain accusations.

Typical of the Third World’s mental under-development is the habit by members of Kenya’s econo-political class of reacting with deafening noise and extreme thoughtlessness even in a situation where silence is what would work in their favour. Take this week’s uproar against the auditor-general’s latest findings.

In the developed societies, what is more likely is a reaction opposite to the kind that deafened our ears in Nairobi this week. In the West, even the most dedicated culprit, far from demanding the auditor-general’s blood, will laud him for his “brilliance”, “dedication”, “industriousness”, “eye for detail”, such like.

For, in Western Europe, North America and Australasia, the auditor-general is an exceedingly useful cog in the wheel of elite greed, high corruption and pigsty consumption. Every year, the Western auditor-general produces facts and figures about his country far more explosive than Mr Edward Ouko produces about Kenya.

But the Western auditor’s report is written in language so smooth that it will never pierce the marrow of any culprit; so that everybody – including the culprit – reads it very thoughtfully. Everybody listens to the auditor’s carefully chosen but, nevertheless, reproachful words. Yet – *Like Vaska the Cat of Russian story book* (and as we know from our own John Githongo) – everybody “GOES ON EATING”.

Such tolerance of criticism is one method by which a sophisticated ruling class succeeds in deflecting its misdeeds away from the public’s attention. That, indeed, is among the definitions of a developed liberal society. Elite silences – *Ling’ Lo Duoko* – include the deployment of false arguments which sound clever, well-informed and well-meant.

In a situation of mass economic hopelessness, intolerance even of the most innocuous critic is one method by which the Third World’s econo-political stratum immediately invites the public’s wrath towards itself. Arrogant disregard even of the most positive advice is among the causes of political hurly-burly in Africa and other Third World situations.

Any slight analysis is likely to elicit, at best, only sophistry, namely, the liberal’s preoccupation with reacting to criticism only by means of impressive but dangerously misleading words and arguments. Such were what Mark Twain – in his sardonic rejoinder to George Washington’s “I-cannot-tell-a-lie” outburst – called a “silent-assertion lie”.

It is by means of allegations much cleverer than Washington’s that a ruling elite succeeds in deflecting the public’s attention away from the elite’s own moral putrefaction.

The problem for all “silent-assertion liars”, even among the elite, is that there are always individuals capable of summoning up the ethical and intellectual courage to poke fun at such liars.

By means of creative literature and newspaper sketches, laughter at the shortcomings of one’s society was the career of Democritus of classical Athens, Daniel Defoe of England, Voltaire and Blaise Pascal of France, Okot p’Bitek of Uganda. In Kenya, Hilary Ng’weno was once the “laughing philosopher”, the Democritus, of our time.

That is the question: Why is it that, in politics, Kenyans are so rigid, so incapable of criticism and self-criticism, so sensitive to ribbing? With lampoons and what Ng’weno used to call a “light touch”, those gifted with a sense of irony would long ago have put paid to all such cartoon figures as Aden Duale, Boni Khalwale, Sonko Mbuvi and Rachel Shebesh.

But whenever a ruling class begins to react with as much intolerance as Kenya’s did against the auditor-general’s report this year, the class is trying to choke all the pores through which a nation’s frustrations can escape. The class thus also undermines its own hegemony.

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Respect tutors since they taught you

This is in response to Ian Kagot-ho's letter in the *Sunday Nation* last week. To begin with, there is no doubt that some teachers worked hard to enable people like Ian read and write. Ian should thank those teacher(s) for enabling him to read and write. Ian went on to mislead readers by alleging that Standard Seven pupils cannot tackle Standard Three maths. What is the source of this misinformation? Secondly, it is common knowledge that the salary increase to teachers was awarded by the court. Why, then, would anyone want teachers sacked for asking to be paid what is legally granted? Ian should apologise to teachers.

Isaac Kirwa, Kajiado.

Tell the truth about learners and teachers

Someone is feeding the society with the wrong information about learners. That Standard Seven pupils cannot do Standard Three mathematics is unacceptable generalisation and belittles the work of teachers. True, not all learners are gifted in all fields taught in school, but a person who has ever been through school is definitely different from one who has never been there. It is hypocritical to say teachers who go on strike should be sacked and should not get a salary raise. That English you use to write "to the Editor" was taught by very patient and dedicated teachers. One taught you the alphabets, another words and another how to make sentences.

Ichai Jason, Karatina.

Pastor should not curse, but rather pray

When he felt accosted and ambushed from all sides, Pastor Ng'ang'a fiercely cursed his critics in front of a cheering congregation. "I assure you that my critics will die before time! those who are not married will never marry!" he cursed as he cited Jeremiah of Old. My bone of contention is; what assurance is he talking of? Is he God? Can he in the least assure himself of his own tomorrow? Go slow pastor. When Jesus Christ was abused, roughed up and spat on, He never cursed, but prayed for his tormentors. The law of love, total submission to the will of God and forgiveness is the New Law which Pastor Ng'ang'a and his kind ought to abide by.

Bishop Peter N. Kibutu, Nairobi.

TALKING POINT

Stop the blame game! Discipline your own and other children

We've recently been treated to news of students indulging in mind-boggling indecency. Why are these ungodly and ugly things happening in broad daylight?

Why and how do adolescents get the guts to immerse themselves in such abyss of immorality? And who's to blame for all this anarchy and disorder? One wonders whether we are gradually retreating into the Grand Paganism era or rather living in tacit approval of it!

These queries point to a rather worrying trend. That our systems are undergoing gradual [or do I say rapid] degradation and decadence should send jitters down the spines of all of us. What with our media getting awash with lewd display of obscene pictures, movies and music, all in the name of entertainment?

The quality and character of our systems are betraying us. The family system is too busy to take notice of [and correct] the outset of behaviour challenges among the adolescents. Or, it could as well be validly argued that, it lacks the capacity to do so. And then follows the chain of buck passing. The parent [family] blames the teacher [school], and vice-versa. The school blames the ministry [government] and vice-versa. Concertedly, everyone blames the media – and, especially, the social media. And the weirdest of all: the government takes to blaming anything and everything – including



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The bus in which students were found with drugs after it was impounded by police in Kirinyaga last week.

mock examinations!

Tragically, very little focus is given to the problem(s). A lot of negative energy is wasted on blame game, face saving and bickering, back and forth. Concrete and potent action is rarely taken to put things right.

And, what little action may be taken is merely poised to render transient relief. Perfectly setting the ground for vicious recurrence and

the whole circus plays back all over again, sooner rather than later!

Let's all agree to take responsibility for the ills we're witnessing, without the blame game. And embark on a conscious endeavour to reverse the spiralling turn for the worst. And, yes, the social media system is a revolution and a beast we all need to concert our efforts in taming!

Peter Ngolya, Kivaa.

They don't have Luhya interest at heart

The western region is witnessing renewed political activity. Its key political heavyweights have dominated the limelight with their calls for Luhya unity in the run-up to the next elections.

But what all these politicians have in common is that they are advancing their own selfish political interests at the expense of working for the development of the region. None of the politicians has a clear development agenda that aims at uplifting the livelihoods of the people.

As things stand, the region has a myriad of

problems ranging from high rate of unemployment, the woes of the sugarcane farmers, poor infrastructure, food insecurity to lack of clean water. Apparently, none of the old and new political outfits has outlined its economic agenda and how it aims to deal with these challenges for the greater good of the region.

The electorate must be wary of these leaders whose main agenda is to strait-jacket the region into certain political outfits in order to auction them to the highest bidder in the run-up to the 2017 elections.

Vivere Nandiemo, Kuria East.

The Cutting Edge

BY THE WATCHMAN

LET KQ REST IN PEACE: Much as he empathises with the shareholders, including the government, for the massive Sh26 billion loss by the national carrier, Kenya Airways, Kennedy Mochabo is not convinced that merely pumping more money into it is the best option. According to him, it might be a good idea to just let the airline go under and explore ways and means of starting another one from scratch instead of forking out a whopping Sh60 billion for a bailout plan. His contact is kmochabo@hotmail.com.

TOO MUCH CASH AT NHIF BUT NO SERVICE:

Several months since the increased monthly contributions by members to the National Hospital Insurance Fund started, Elizabeth Ng'ang'a says she has not seen anything that really justifies the colossal sums of money the health insurer now receives. She is particularly disappointed to note that the promised outpatient services are yet to be introduced. "I just hope we will start enjoying this service before the year ends," states Elizabeth, whose contact is nyamburanga@yahoo.com.

BLOOD MONEY?: Whereas people often turn up to voluntarily donate blood in various parts of the country, especially in the towns, and get only a loaf of bread or a bottle of soda, Davies Odongo says he has never understood why patients needing some transfusion are required to pay for this. Davies is upset, as his own mother, who is in hospital in Kisumu, now needs blood, but cannot get it and yet he donated some last month while in school and cannot do so again within the short interval. His contact is daviesodongo@yahoo.com.

THIS IS FOR MR CHUMO: A transformer installed at Muaani Market in Makueni 4 years ago has never functioned even for a single day, but Kenya Power personnel do not seem keen to have it repaired or replaced, Musyoka Nyamai reports. The residents to whom the hope of having electricity in their homes remains a pipe dream, have not just sat back and waited. They have called at Kenya Power offices and are tired of unfulfilled promises. "Can CEO Ben Chumo, please, sort this one out?" urges Musyoka, whose contact is smusyoka002@gmail.com.

SHOW US YOUR POWER: And could Kenya Power also look into the plight of its customers in Kakamega County, who have not had power since June 13, when the transformer supplying their neighbourhood blew up? urges Mmasi Memeti. After the transformer (No 24897) at Kakoyi Corner malfunctioned, Mmasi reported to the power utility's office at Kakamega and has since made several follow-ups, without any success. "What will it take to restore our electricity and when?" he asks. His contact is [mmasimemeti@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:mmasi@yahoo.co.uk).

DSTV PLUS MISERY: DSTv subscriber Samuel Nyakundi, recalling that he signed up for the Compact Plus package last year, hoping to enjoy live coverage of the English Premier League matches, is disappointed with the pay TV service provider for switching the prime content to another channel. He is particularly upset because having sensed early that something was amiss, he wrote to the company, and was given an assurance that the changes planned would not affect the Compact Plus subscribers. His contact is sagnyakundi@yahoo.com.

HERE'S THE GOOD NEWS : The argument that there is too much bad news around is one X N Iraki simply won't buy, because he strongly believes that it is not true. Says he: "There is a lot of good news but we prefer to focus on the bad. We got oil and more people are alive than those who die from accidents. More people are sober than drunkards and drug abusers. After my global travels I still cannot explain why we are so obsessed with bad news, and yet we are so religious! Pessimism is a greater threat to our nation than terrorism." His contact is xniraki@gmail.com.
Have a cheerful day, won't you!

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Thirty Years Ago

AUGUST 16, 1985

Pope John Paul II arrives in Kenya and declares it was a great joy to be back after five years. The Pope was first in Kenya in 1980.

Pope John Paul was received at the Jomo Kenyatta International Airport by President Moi, Maurice Cardinal Otunga, the Pope's

representative (Monsignor Clemente Faccani), Vice-President Mwai Kibaki, Cabinet ministers, church leaders and thousands of cheering *wananchi* from all over the country.

The Pope's Alitalia plane touched down at about 6.30 pm and a few minutes later, Cardinal Otunga, Mgr Faccani, and the Chief of Protocol Denis Afande

got into the plane to receive him. He was entertained by choirs before President Moi made a brief welcoming speech.

"I am happy to be back here in your beloved land," were among the Pope's first words.

He said the hospitality and the welcome he had received in Kenya five years earlier were still in his heart.

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TRADE PACT | Opposition leader accuses government of mortgaging Kenyans for personal interests

Publish deals signed on behalf of Kenya, Raila tells President

‘Criticism is in line with opposition’s mandate. We’re opposed to entering into contracts that are never publicised’

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Opposition leader Raila Odinga now says he will not relent in his demands that the Jubilee administration make public multi-billion-shilling deals it has signed with foreign governments and companies as he charged afresh that the government is mortgaging Kenyans for personal interests.

Mr Odinga said the Jubilee administration must come clean on the deals signed and publish them to give Kenyans confidence that the deals were made and signed lawfully and for the benefit of Kenyans.

The Cord leader said in an interview with the *Sunday Nation* that President Uhuru Kenyatta’s criticism of his expose’ on the deals the Head of State made while on an official visit to Uganda last week was in line with the Opposition’s mandate and should not be personalised.

“It is not the responsibility of the Opposition to run the economy, it is the executive responsibility of the government. We are supposed to point out what is going wrong. With regard to these deals, we are opposed to this habit of entering into contracts which are never publicised,” said Mr Odinga.

To push back the criticism from President Kenyatta, Mr Odinga showed the *Sunday Nation* a copy of the memorandum that Opposition leaders presented to US President Barack Obama last month where he says that they supported everything positive on relations between the two countries but then cited what they thought needed attention.

In his push for more transparency, Mr Odinga cited the joint communique issued by Nairobi

and Washington following US President Barack Obama’s visit to Kenya as a great example of how all the other deals Jubilee has signed should be made public.

The former prime minister took on the government on Tuesday when he released a press statement telling Kenyans that President Kenyatta had made deals in Uganda that would adversely affect sugar farmers in Kenya.

A miffed President Uhuru Kenyatta accused Mr Odinga of being disrespectful, opposing the government for the sake of it, and hampering the country’s development.

“Bwana Raila Odinga, let us work together. If you want to accuse me, do it and do so without taking me back. When you say that I went to talk about bringing cheap sugar into Kenya, which cheap sugar are you talking about?” asked President Kenyatta at a meeting attended by Mr Odinga.

“I say that with due respect and humility to my elder brother. Tomorrow, you would be here (President) and you would expect respect. We can’t criticise each other for the sake of criticising each other.”

He added: “When it comes to the interests of our nation, our region and our continent, we must speak with one voice for the betterment of our people and for the future of our children.”

Mr Odinga later told the *Sunday Nation* that he would persistently carry on with his quest for transparency to ensure that Jubilee does not mortgage Kenyans. He cited the multi-billion-shilling contract to build a second container terminal at the Kilindini harbour as one of the projects he says are shrouded in secrecy.

“They are acting as though they are in the old order. We demand a full disclosure and accountability to the Kenyan people,” he said.

According to him, the bidders were the Japan Port, Maersk In-



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Former Prime Minister Raila Odinga joins a traditional Taveta dancer at the Taveta market Grounds yesterday.

ternational, a global shipping and logistics firm, Singapore Port and a Chinese company.

“But now, rumour has it that the contract has been awarded to Dubai port without proper explanation. There is no satisfactory explanation,” said Mr Odinga.

He also cited the award to build a pipeline from Lamu to Lokichar and into Uganda which he says was awarded to Toyota Corporation of Japan and “yet we do not know the full details of the contracts. We wonder whether proper and due diligence was done.”

In a wide-ranging interview with the *Sunday Nation*, Mr Odinga said that the financial commitments the Jubilee administration was making must be made public because any other government that comes after them would be obligated to honour the loans.

“The Cabinet is supposed to approve these and Parliament is supposed to ratify treaties that we make with other countries. I

wonder whether this is happening,” he said.

Mr Odinga insists that personal interests must be at play when the government shrouds business deals in secrecy.

“When we export milk to Uganda, and we support exports so that we can earn foreign exchange, and we know that KCC does not have the capacity to make these exports, your guess is as good as mine who the beneficiaries are,” he said.

He also cited the troubled Kenya Airways and said: “There is speculation that there is a hushed out deal to buy Kenya Airways by bringing in another partner with whom deals have already been made.”

Last Thursday, President Kenyatta invited MPs from Western Kenya, which is the main producing sugarcane region, to State House over the sugar deals claims. But the MPs snubbed the meeting saying they would only do so after the deals were fully disclosed.

THE DIRTY TRICKS OF POLICE

From messing up with criminal investigations at a fee and using middle men to collect bribes on their behalf, rogue officers appear ready to do anything to defeat justice. **P.19**



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KAGAME'S LEGACY

President Paul Kagame of Rwanda has been on the receiving end of a group called KOT or Kenyans on Twitter. Apparently, the President had told a TV host that he should be worrying about his own legacy and not Mr Kagame's. As the KOT unleashed the brickbats, what they forgot to tell Mr Kagame is that the subject of his disdain is not the President of a country called Rwanda and, as such, leaving behind a legacy should be none of his worries.

WHY IS UGANDA SUGAR CHEAP?

I have been trying to get a grip on this sugar business without much success apart from the fact that President Uhuru Kenyatta and opposition chief Raila Odinga have been going after each other hammer and tongs all week. Their lieutenants, too, have fallen into line. In the mix of heated exchanges, one word stands out – “cheap” sugar – from across the borders. So why is sugar grown elsewhere cheaper than our very own? It can only mean that there is something very wrong with the way we go about producing this commodity.

AWKWARD TO BURY A GOD

And while everybody was going a little crazy in the head over sugar, a god who goes by the name Jehovah Wanyonyi died and was apparently buried secretly. I think I can hazard a guess for all this cloak and dagger stuff. It would be very awkward to bury a god. For instance, do you say that god has gone home to be with himself or do you beseech him to receive himself up there in heaven and at same time leave him six feet underground in the garden behind the kitchen?

BANANAS ON THE ROAD

In my wanderings, I ended up in Mukurweini on a chilly night this week. They have creative names of places here. Some translate into things like goal post and centre of the earth. I ended up in a place where they have a small room with a sign reading “journalists conference” though there was no meeting taking place. The last time I was in these parts, folks were planting bananas on the road and I assumed they were responding to the shrinking of arable land. I later learnt that they were protesting the poor state of the road. The protest seems to have worked and serious road reconstruction is under way. It pays to get into the trenches.

They are acting as though they are in the old order. We demand a full disclosure and accountability to the people of Kenya

RED FLAG | Only in June, the political parties expressed concern about IEBC's 2015-2020 strategic plan

Alarm over posting of poll staff to own turfs

Transferring election coordinators and regional heads to their home counties is 'retrogressive', say political parties

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The electoral commission is once again headed for a potential clash with political parties after it transferred constituency elections coordinators and the regional

coordinators to their home counties to help with voter registration.

Political party representatives have termed the decision retrogressive and a potential avenue for manipulation of voter registration.

"I see it as a demonstration of IEBC's (Independent

Electoral and Boundaries Commission) inability to run its affairs in a transparent manner. It only goes to bolster our resolve as Cord to have thorough reforms in this commission," said Mr Norman Magaya, the director of Cord secretariat.

The chairperson of the Political

Parties Liaison Committee (PPLC), Ms Wavinya Ndeti, also faulted the decision to transfer the officials to their home counties.

"Ideally, we should and expect a system that pools IEBC staff; gives them standard training. They should then be posted to any part of the country except their home counties. This will contribute to ensuring the credibility of the electoral process. Therefore, by posting people to their home places, non-local political interference cannot be guaranteed. IEBC is yet to discuss its move with the PPLC," said Ms Ndeti.

But the current CEO, Mr Ezra Chiloba, said there was nothing untoward about the decision to have the CECs and RECs return to their home areas.

"We moved staff back to their counties of recruitment and not constituencies. The aim is to enhance delivery of electoral services to citizens, especially voter registration," he said.

In any case, he added, a similar exercise will be undertaken just before the 2017 elections as per the commission's policy.

But a top commission official said the move was not well-thought out. According to the official, the commission ought to have consulted political parties before implementing the decision.

"It can maximise registration of voters but it also has the potential of opening doors for mischief. If not handled carefully, we may end up with dead voters in the register," the official said.

Furthermore, the argument by Mr Chiloba that a similar exercise will be undertaken just before the 2017 elections, as per the commission policy, was criticised on the basis that it would make it impossible for the CECs and RECs to oversee elections or know the service providers.

IEBC has 290 constituency elections coordinators (CECs) from 290 constituencies and 17 regional elections coordinators (RECs) who are accountable to the secretariat in Nairobi.

The CECs and RECs are the

foot soldiers of the commission and oversee voter registration in their respective areas, manage constituency and regional IEBC offices and monitor existence of political parties' offices and relevant records. They also coordinate sensitisation of political parties at the constituency and county levels and monitor the engagement of political parties in illegal activities.

Under former IEBC CEO James Oswago, there was a policy of dispersing the coordinators to any part of the country except their home areas in order to shield them from local political networks.

Mr Magaya said Cord's legal team was studying the decisions and the possible implications.

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There is no rationale for IEBC to expose these important people in the electoral process to local political networks,”

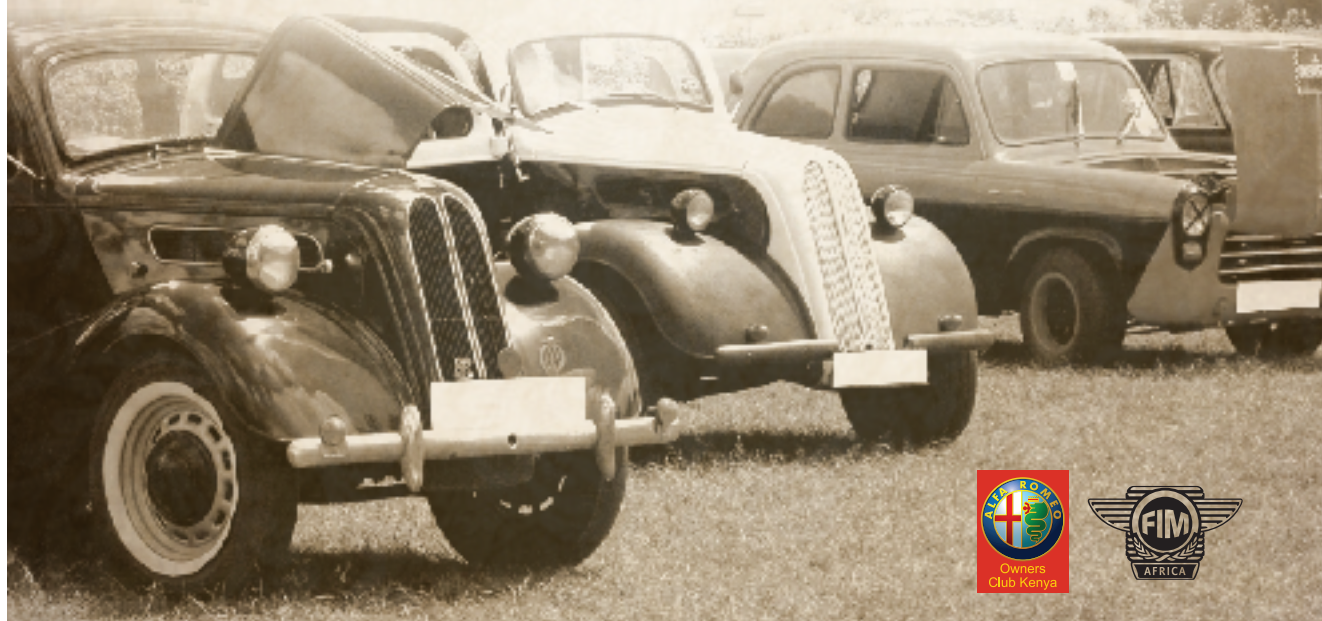
Mr Norman Magaya,
the director of Cord
secretariat

"We will then formally approach the IEBC with our concerns. But in all honesty there is no rationale for IEBC to do that and expose these important people in the electoral process to local political networks," he said.

"What IEBC is doing is not part of the transformation towards free, fair and transparent elections," he added.

It was only in June when political parties expressed concern about IEBC's 2015-2020 strategic plan. The party representatives complained of being ignored in the exercise of coming up with the strategy that will guide the 2017 polls.

The launch of the strategic plan was subsequently boycotted by political party representatives, mainly those affiliated with the opposition.



Classic Car and Motorcycle Sale.

If you want to sell a car, or motorcycle made in 1990, or earlier, the Classic Sale at the CBA Africa Concours d'Elegance is your opportunity. This year's event will be on **Sunday, 27th September** at the Nairobi Racecourse.

The classic cars and bikes can be in any condition from near showroom standard to "ripe for restoration," or even a source of spares. (Some are towed to the Nairobi Racecourse, or carried by trailer, or truck).

Entries are limited to the first 30 and the final deadline is noon on **Wednesday, 16th September**. The Regulations and entry forms for the Classic Sale are available on the Concours website www.concourskenya.com and from the Bob Dewar Publicity Offices.

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Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission Chairman Isaac Hassan (right) and CEO Ezra Chiloba when they appeared before the Justice and Legal Affairs Committee last week.

70 VS 74 | Personal interests appear to determine which side of the debate every judge takes

Judges' retirement age row and its role in 2017 polls

There are fears that a crisis would ensue if Justice Tunoi's matter is not resolved before elections as his presence on the bench would be challenged

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The unresolved question of the correct retirement age for judges appointed before the 2010 Constitution came into force was the subject of discussion in the recent colloquium of judges in Mombasa, with a warning that the issue could cause political problems for the Judiciary unless it was resolved soon.

In March last year, the Judicial Service Commission (JSC) resolved that the retirement age for all judges would be 70 years, thus reversing its own earlier decision that judges appointed under the old Constitution could retire at 74 years. After this resolution, a retirement notice was served on Supreme Court judge Philip Tunoi, indicating he would retire on June 3, 2014 at the age of 70 years.

High Court judge David Onyancha was served with a similar notice, requiring him to retire on June 2, last year, although he had attained the age of 70 the previous year.

Aggrieved, the two judges filed a joint suit in the High Court seeking a determination that the proper retirement age for them was 74 years as they had been appointed under the previous Constitution.

A third judge, Justice Leonard Njagi, had been found unsuitable to serve in the Judiciary after vetting by the Judges and Magistrates Board. At the same time, Justice Njagi was also the subject of a retirement notice. He filed a separate suit challenging both decisions.

Thereafter, the Chief Justice certified that the cases raised substantial questions of law and ordered a hearing before an enhanced bench of five judges. He also ordered that the suits be heard

as a priority and be consolidated.

Justices Tunoi and Onyancha, however, went to the Court of Appeal opposing the decision to consolidate the two suits. The Court of Appeal suspended further hearing of the suit before the High Court, pending its own determination.

The Court of Appeal made its order in June and also ordered an accelerated hearing of the appeal. However, the order on acceleration relies on the efforts of Justices Tunoi and Onyancha who have no inherent incentive to seek an accelerated hearing.

If the courts were to confirm 70 years as the proper retirement age, Justice Tunoi has already passed it by one year, while Justice Onyancha will reach 72 in the next three months.

In a hard-hitting paper presented during the judges' meeting last week, lawyer Ahmednasir Abdullahi called it the "Nkurunziza Factor" – in reference to the Burundian President who has extended his term in office – the resolve by Justice Tunoi to remain in office through a spurious suit, having reached the retirement age of 70 years. Mr Abdullahi provided three reasons for his conclusion that the suit by Justice Tunoi was a "glaring fundamental abuse of the court process". First, he alleged that Justice Tunoi is "clearly determined not to ventilate his case on the merits in the High Court" and that "he probably wants to move from one court to another until he

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Justice Onyancha will be 72 years in three months time.



Appellate Judge Fatuma Sichale with Senior Counsel Ahmednasir Abdullahi at the judges retreat at the Whitesands Hotel two weeks ago.

reaches 74 years." He also alleged that the stay application in the Court of Appeal was "obviously without jurisdiction" because the High Court has a jurisdictional monopoly in constitutional cases, as a result of which "Justice Tunoi has no right of appeal to the Court of Appeal from a suit premised on the Constitution." Third, Mr Abdullahi asserted that Justice Tunoi's grievances "look spurious and trivial from this vantage point" and that "it is only in Kenya that such an issue can preoccupy the courts".

Political ramifications

The lawyer asserted that "the Supreme Court as presently constituted is both illegal and illegitimate" and "is contrary to and is in flagrant breach of the Constitution". He warned that "any decision it renders when Justice Tunoi participates in any proceedings before the court is not a decision of the Supreme Court of Kenya as per law established" and predicted that the "scandal the Judiciary is hell-bent in covering up will soon explode on its face and will have wide national political ramifications". What was thought to be a lone battle by the

two judges is now viewed as a cause with the silent support of a large number of the judges appointed to office before the 2010 Constitution came into force.

One of them, Deputy Chief Justice Kalpana Rawal, is reported to be resisting a decision that she should go on terminal leave, pending her retirement next year. She could be digging in, hoping that a favourable decision in the suit that the two judges have filed will also assist her to extend her term in office to 74 years.

Sources indicate that Justices Tunoi and Onyancha have previously been offered a retirement package equivalent to the salaries they would earn if they were to serve until 74 years, and that would result in them withdrawing the suits and agreeing to retire, but it is not clear why they have not agreed to the proposal.

The question legal commentators, including at the judges conference, have been asking is whether or not those who filed the case are interested in a quick resolution. The action of the Court of Appeal ordering the freezing of further proceedings in the High Court until their appeal is heard is viewed by some as an extension

of sympathy to the two judges in a matter in which other judges also have a direct personal interest.

The decision of the High Court that the concerned judges should continue serving as they await a decision in their cases, has come under heavy criticism. Mr Abdullahi, for example, said that the decision on whether the judges could continue working as they awaited a decision on their cases was for the JSC, as the employer of judges, and not the High Court, to make.

There is fear that with the 2017 elections approaching, the heightened political interest in the affairs of the Judiciary exposes it to political interference in ways that could have been avoided.

Since the leadership of the Judiciary under the Chief Justice and the JSC has failed to resolve the matter, there are fears that political actors will soon get an opportunity to interfere in the courts. With elections scheduled for 2017, a political crisis of unimaginable proportion will engulf the country if a presidential candidate aggrieved by the results of the election approaches the Supreme Court with "strangers" sitting as members of the Court.

War with Somalia 'started way before independence', reveals Karangi

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The key speech by former Chief of General Staff Julius Karangi (right) at the Law Society of Kenya conference in Mombasa on Thursday revealed details of security operations in Kenya.

In a well-researched presentation titled "National Security and Human Rights", Gen (rtd) Karangi traced Kenya's security problems to the period before independence when the departing British government carried out a plebiscite in the Northern Frontier District – as the North Eastern Province was then known.

The plebiscite was meant to obtain the views of the local population as to whether they would want to remain part of Kenya after independence or to belong to neighbouring Somalia. Although the results of the referendum were never published, it is known that

the local population voted to secede to Somalia.

When Somalia obtained independence in 1960, ahead of Kenya, it supported a political party, the Northern Province People's Progressive Party, which campaigned for a greater Somalia that would unify the ethnic-Somali population in all the countries that neighbour Somalia.

Thus, Kenya attained independence while North Eastern Province was already contested territory. And the Shifta movement represented the grievances of the local population, supported by the official policy in Somalia.

President Jomo Kenyatta's stand that Kenya would not cede an inch of territory to Somalia crystallised Kenya's official position on the issue.

According to Gen (rtd) Karangi, Kenya was at war with Somalia even before independence. Recent events which have led to the military incur-



sion into Somalia are part of that long continuum.

He addressed the balance to be placed between protection of vital national interests and protection of human rights. The retired general concluded that in the protection of vital national interests, human rights could not stand in the way, a position he justified by reference to practices in advanced democracies.

Gen (rtd) Karangi referred to several significant security incidents that

were previously undisclosed, including an invasion at sea of a Kenyan Navy patrol vessel by Somali pirates who, in the darkness of the night, mistook it for a fishing boat. According to Karangi, "we brought all the pirates to Mombasa ... in body bags."

In what will leave embarrassing questions for Chief Justice Willy Mutunga to answer, the second incident related to two foreign terrorists who came to Kenya where they cleared a large quantity of a highly explosive material, not knowing that Kenyan authorities had detected their activities and were trailing them. Gen Karangi said he thereafter called the Chief Justice and showed him the material. A secret trial was arranged and the terrorists are currently in jail.

If this incident is true, it is a prototype of the Mwakenya secret trials during the one-party era.

The third incident related to a day when a Somali terrorist allegedly

gained access to the Kenyan Parliament and would have blown up MPs in a suicide attack, but was ordered not to do so because the House had no quorum.

A bullish Gen Karangi, who was making his first address since retiring from the military, shared a platform with Solicitor-General Muturi Njee, who read a speech on behalf of President Uhuru Kenyatta – the expected chief guest.

Although Muturi was the presidential representative, he openly deferred key actions to Karangi, over whom he fawned. He even read the citation of the Legion of Merit, an award that the retired general had been given by his US counterpart, Martin Dempsey, for his role in Kenya's incursion into Somalia.

Mr Muturi said Kenya's incursion into Somalia – by air, sea and land – was an unprecedented act of genius.

CIC | Unless a higher court reviews the position, a plebiscite on such a change is a must

Technical hitches bog down attempt to push poll to Dec

Besides the Bill requiring a two-thirds vote to pass, a referendum may be needed to alter President's term, as three judges ruled in 2002

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The proposal to move the General Election from August to December is facing further questions, with experts pointing to a 2012 court ruling that suggests the need for a referendum.

The plan is to move the elections from the second Tuesday of August to the third Monday of December. If this was to happen it would extend the term of parliament and government by four months.

The plan is contained in a Bill which seeks to amend the constitution which was moved by Ugenya MP David Ochieng'.

The Bill's first obstacle is to gather a two-thirds majority.

The second, and possibly much more difficult hurdle, is the High Court's view on January 13, 2012 that the election date cannot be altered without changing the term of the President. This view was delivered by Judges Isaac Lenaola, Mumbi Ngugi and David Majanja.

Landmark ruling

The Constitution requires that the election of the President is held on the same day as a General Election of MPs, on the second Tuesday in August.

The Commission for the Implementation of the Constitution chairman Charles Nyachae says according to the Constitution elections after 2013 must be in August.

Mr Nyachae added that "logically, if the elections date is moved, then the term of the President is also altered". Altering that requires a referendum, he said.

Mr Nyachae holds that that is the position "unless a higher court or the constitutional court itself reviews the position".

Lawyer Nelson Havi also said it would be impossible to change the elections date without a referendum.

"If you alter the date then you interfere with the entire sequence of electoral events, including a possible re-run."

For Mr Havi, even if proponents of the Ochieng' Bill, (known in full as The Constitution of Kenya (Amendment) Bill 2015) were to take it to a referendum after garnering the two-thirds majority, there was no time to hold a referendum before the 2017 elections.

"Even the momentum of the Okoa Kenya Bill on constitutional reforms has waned because of the time limits," he said.

The ultimate organ

According to Law Society of Kenya chairman Eric Mutua, the matter of changing the election date is so important that it cannot be left to Parliament. "The ultimate organ that can interpret it is the Judiciary, not Parliament," he said.

But Ainabkoi MP Samuel Chepkonga (URP), who also chairs the Justice and Legal Affairs Committee that tabled the Bill in the House, said his committee had considered all the options and concluded that a referendum was unnecessary.

He said Mr Nyachae's opinion is "inconceivable and it cannot be true. If we move the date, we will still be within the fifth



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Number of cases that the EACC and the Director of Prosecutions recently forwarded to the Judiciary for prosecution.

year as provided for in the Constitution. We are not proposing to go outside the fifth year," he said.

But even in the National Assembly, Mr Ochieng's Bill is facing a lukewarm reception. Some Cord MPs who supported the amendments appear to have beaten a retreat after opposition leader Raila Odinga rejected it.

Deputy Minority Leader in the National Assembly Jakoyo Midiwo said the Bill needed to go beyond changing the election date.

"These piecemeal changes will not solve the bigger issues that we have regarding electoral reforms. That is why Cord has been calling for dialogue. If you change the election date, how then do you deal with commissioners of the Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission whose terms expire in November 2017?" he said.

But when asked if Mr Ochieng' consulted his coalition's leadership on the Bill,

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Constitution Implementation Committee chairman Charles Nyachae. Subsequent elections after 2013 will go as per the August date provided in the Constitution, he says.

Mr Midiwo defended the Ugenya MP.

"Mr Ochieng' is a private member and he has the right to table any Bill. That right cannot be taken away from him," said Mr Midiwo.

But with Cord MPs pulling out, Mr Ochieng' may find it hard to get the required votes — 233 MPs.

Issue of numbers

Jubilee has 217 MPs and also claims two independent legislators, bringing its number to 219, which is 14 MPs less than the required two-thirds.

Cord, on the other hand, has 130 MPs, bringing the total number of members of the National Assembly to 349.

Mr Chepkonga said the issue of numbers was the least of Jubilee's concerns.

"This amendment was brought by a Cord member. Jubilee has no position on the Bill and it will be an embarrassment for Cord to run away from its own position," he said.

MPs drop idea of special sittings, plot to extend deadline

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Legislators appear to have dropped the idea of recalling Parliament early for special sittings to debate the 28 pending constitutional Bills arguing that it will not serve any purpose.

Instead, the focus will be to whip MPs to support a resolution to extend the timelines, which they believe they will get, for passing the laws.

An extension of the timelines for passing the 28 Bills requires two-thirds of the 349 MPs to support it in the National Assembly and a similar fraction in the 67-member senate.

Chairman of Parliament's Constitutional Implementation Committee (CIOC) Njoroge Baiya said the late delivery of the Bills to Parliament leaves them with only one option, to seek for an extension.

"The situation is that the executive has finally forwarded to the National Assembly most of the Bills with the August 27 deadline. (But) given the late delivery of the Bills, there is no sufficient time to do effective deliberation before August 27. So we will seek a resolution for extension," the Githunguri MP said.

Furthermore, Mr Baiya said the work involved is extensive requiring public participation "and in some legislations affecting counties, to include the Senate."

His Senate colleague Prof Kithure Kindiki, who is also the Senate Majority Leader added that the idea of recalling Parliament from recess early and sitting long hours to pass the Bills was not feasible.

"The Bills are so many and we cannot dispense off with all of them even with special sittings. There are also other limitations that we face because not all the Bills have been forwarded to Parliament. The process could also be lengthy when you factor in the requirement for stakeholder participation," said Prof Kindiki.

Only last week, Prof Kindiki was suggesting that Parliament may have to be recalled from recess to start debating the Bills before the August 27 deadline.

"We are prepared to break our recess to come back for special sittings. But given the laborious process the Bills have to go it is not practical to pass all of them," Prof Kindiki said last week.

Both chambers of Parliament are currently on recess until August 18 and September 15 for the National Assembly and the Senate respectively yet the deadline for passing the Bills is August 27.

The Bills with the August 27 are Small Claims Court 2015, High Court Organisation and Administration Bill, 2015, Court of Appeal Organisation and Administration Bill 2015, Forests Bill, Energy Bill and Petroleum Exploration, Development and Production Bill, all of 2015.

Parliament is also required to pass Seeds and Plant (Varieties) Amendment Bill 2015, Community Land Bill 2015 and Protection of Traditional Knowledge & Traditional Cultural Expression Bill 2015, Physical Planning Bill,



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The Bills are many and we can't dispense off with all of them even with special sittings. There are also other limitations that we face..." Mr Kindiki

Historical Land Injustices Bill, Provision on Maximum and Minimum Acreage Bill, Eviction and Resettlement Bill, Access to Justice Bill, Magistrates Court Bill 2014 and Judiciary Fund Bill.

MPs are supposed to enact Bills to amend the Judicial Service Act, restructure the provincial administration, implement the two-third gender rule, promote representation of marginalised groups in Parliament and strengthen Kenya Agriculture and Livestock Research Act 2013, the Irrigation Bill, Central Bank of Kenya (Amendment) Bill 2015, Controller of Budget Bill 2015, Language Bill 2015 and National Museum and Heritage Bill 2015.

"Other limitations to meeting the deadline are the exigencies of a bi-cameral Parliament like the one we have. A Bill generated by the Senate must gain the concurrence of the National Assembly before it is passed and vice versa," said Prof Kindiki.

Without an extension of the time lines, any Kenyan can petition the High Court to dissolve Parliament.

ODM leader Raila Odinga has voiced his opposition to the possible extension of the timelines saying it was a Jubilee ploy to avoid implementing the Constitution.

ACCOMPLICE | In public transport, some rogue officers recruit middlemen who pose as touts to collect money on their behalf

M-Pesa the bribe, and other tricks traffic police use

After Simekha's car was hit by another one driven on the wrong side of the road, police took to court someone else and charged him with reckless driving. He pleaded guilty, was fined, and the case was closed

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The traffic police department is once again in the spotlight following recent allegations of corruption and cover-up.

Investigations and interviews by the *Sunday Nation* reveal the dirty tricks rogue traffic police use — sometimes punishing innocent motorists and letting offenders go free.

The most recent allegation involved claims that officers from Tigon police station attempted to cover-up details of an accident linked to Pastor James Ng'ang'a in which a woman died. The preacher has denied the claim.

A story is told of how traffic police officers went to resolve a case between two motorists on Thika Road. It involved a matatu minibus and a private vehicle.

The matatu crew started harassing the middle-aged man who was driving the private car. And when the police came, they sided with the matatu driver, even though the private vehicle owner was sure he was not at fault. It was part of a scheme that fuelled impunity on the road, where matatu crews are shielded by the police.

As the scenario unfolded, a CID officer drove by and stopped, on recognising the distressed middle-aged driver, who was in civilian clothing. The CID officer saluted him as a recognition of rank.

Suddenly, the traffic police officers froze. Little did they know that the man they were dealing with was the General Service Unit Commandant at the time, and later Police Commissioner, Matthew Iteere.

GSU commandants are rarely recognised in public, even within other units of the police, as their paramilitary duties restrict them to behind-the-scenes operations.

The story goes that the traffic policemen nearly fled after the CID officer asked them: "Kwani hamjui commandant wa GSU?" (Don't you know that he is the GSU commandant?)

Later, when Mr Iteere replaced

Maj-Gen (rtd) Hussein Ali as police commissioner, he said that reforming the traffic department would be a priority.

So deep is the rot that senior police officers and anti-corruption officials seem at a loss on what to do beyond the frequent sting operations to arrest bribe takers at road blocks.

Last December, Deputy Inspector-General of Police Grace Kaindi abolished the entire traffic base in Kabete and transferred its officers across the country.

In July, she told the press in an interview that the traffic department was giving the Kenya Police a bad name because of runaway corruption.

In 2013, former Inspector-General David Kimaiyo called a meeting of senior traffic officers on July 18 and threatened to sack them all, saying corruption had reached such high levels that the law was no longer enforced.

And when Mr Kimaiyo was forced out of office, then acting Inspector-General Samuel Arachi formed a special team of officers to hunt down and arrest rogue colleagues in the traffic department.

The year before, the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission established that heavy load transporters were parting with between Sh1,000 and Sh3,000 to avoid arrest by police officers. At least Sh300,000 was collected daily and shared among police officers, the anti-corruption agency established.

EACC went ahead to raid weighbridges in Mariakani and Athi River in an attempt to catch rogue officers in action, but were taken aback when some officers allegedly drew their guns.

Traffic officers' tricks seem to be evolving. In their main source of income — public transport — some rogue officers have recruited middlemen who pose as matatu touts to collect money on their behalf.

In other cases, rogue officers open mobile money outlets where an alleged offender is given the agent's number and told to withdraw bribe money



REMEDY

A case of too little too late

■ Last December, Deputy Inspector-General of Police Grace Kaindi abolished the entire traffic base in Kabete and transferred its officers to other stations in Kenya over graft.

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from their accounts — instead of sending. One does not need to be anywhere near the agent's physical location.

At the end of the day, the rogue officers reconcile their dirty proceeds by making entries in the catalogue, including filling fictitious personal details of those who "withdrew" cash.

Since the Pastor Ng'ang'a saga, which is still unfolding, other stories have surfaced. Mr Joseph ME Simekha was driving on Kenyatta Avenue, Nairobi, on January 24, 2012. His car was hit by another car, which was being driven on the wrong side of the road, causing damage that cost him Sh38,000 to repair.

It later turned out the offending driver was a police detective at-

The Range Rover associated with Pastor James Ng'ang'a which caused a fatal road accident in Limuru recently. Investigations have revealed the many ploys rogue traffic officers use — sometimes punishing innocent motorists and letting offenders go free.

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tached to then Nairobi provincial CID office. For the nine months that followed, Mr Simekha unsuccessfully sought help at Nairobi's Central Police Station and police headquarters at Vigilance House, until then Information Permanent Secretary Bitange Ndumo intervened.

The PS sent mail to Mr Iteere ... and Mr Simekha finally met then police spokesman Eric Kiraithe in his office.

"The spokesman referred me to Mr Leonard Katana, who was deputy traffic police boss in Nairobi. To cut a long story short, they took to court someone else, charged him with reckless driving; he pleaded guilty; was fined Sh10,000; and the case was closed," Mr Simekha told the *Sunday Nation*.

Later, a man who identified himself as a friend of one of the senior officers gave him Sh38,000 as reimbursement for the money he had spent to repair his car.

In 2013, he received court summons that he had caused a fatal accident in Bungoma on May 24, 2012.

"I received summons to enter a defence in a court case in Bungoma where my car supposedly had been involved in a fatal accident that led to the death of a woman," Mr Simekha said.

The court papers had his car's registration numbers but the

other details were an outright forgery. He owns a Prado but the papers showed his car was a Toyota Town Ace, a matatu.

The case was a civil matter in which he had been sued by Mr Richard Osundwa, whose wife Claire died in the accident. With the help of his lawyer, he was struck off the suit after it was argued that he was a stranger to the case.

"I concluded that after the Toyota matatu was involved in the accident, police falsified documents to protect its owner. Whether my car's registration number was randomly picked ... I do not know, but the motive is clear," said Mr Simekha.

Then there is the case of Ms Waithira Wanjohi, who was arrested and taken to court on July 21 for driving at 120 km per hour. She was stopped at Naivasha but was informed that she had exceeded the speed limit at Kinungi, several kilometres away.

"Why was I denied bond at the police station upon request? Why did the magistrate not give us, individually, a chance to defend ourselves but instead read and concluded the case for the five of us jointly, fining us Sh10,000 each?" she asked.

While police said she was driving at 120 km per hour, the magistrate's records read 125 km per hour.

Owino returns to Vigilance House to work on police image



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Mr Charles Owino will tomorrow officially return to familiar grounds at Vigilance House, the Kenya Police headquarters, and assume the duties of spokesman.

He left the office two years ago when Ms Gatiria Mboroki took over, but she has now been redeployed as staffing officer in charge of stores.

Though the National Po-

lice Service Commission said it was a normal transfer, sources in the security sector told the *Sunday Nation* that Mr Owino was selected to lead an aggressive campaign aimed at reversing blanket condemnation of officers as "unapproachable, poor communicators, corrupt, closed, human rights violators, and inept."

The plan is contained in a new communication strategy that has been adopted as the blueprint to redeem the image

of the police.

Mr Owino said: "I'm expecting to be ready by Monday. I'm ready for the task because I was in the same position not long ago. And more so because the officer I handed over to is the same one in the office now."

Going by the strategy, the police will strive to open its doors to the public and give remedial activities like public relations training for officers, road shows, interactive talk shows in the media,

workshops, and aggressive promotion of the community policing programme.

"Despite conscious and vigorous efforts by the police to shed negative public image, these perceptions have persisted, sometimes backed by reports from various commissions. This reinforces the general public perception of the police. While this could have been the case judged within specific historic contexts, there have been deliberate significant changes in

the police in the recent past," according to the communication guide.

But it will be implemented alongside other disciplinary reform measures aimed at getting rid of rogue and ineffective officers.

The police communication department is headed by Assistant Inspector-General of Police George Kinoti.

Mr Owino takes charge of the Kenya Police while Mr Masoud Mwinyi is for the Administration Police.

MIDTERM REVIEW | Meeting set to take stock and weigh the party's political future

ODM retreat to craft 2017 polls roadmap

Raila to lead party members, officials in today's meeting which party terms a crucial midterm review in Machakos

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ODM leader Raila Odinga has convened a midterm stock taking meeting of all party leaders, MPs, senators, governors and National Executive Council members beginning today.

The retreat to be hosted at the Maanzoni Lodge in Machakos County is expected to discuss the party's political future in detail including weighing the strength and weakness of presenting Mr Odinga as the party's candidate for presidential elections for the fourth time.

ODM chairman John Mbadi confirmed to the *Sunday Na-*

tion that plans for the retreat are complete, describing it as a crucial midterm review forum for the entire party leadership.

"We are meeting to discuss quite a number of issues including the remaining legislation which Parliament is yet to enact, the gender rule, our performance as the leading opposition party in Parliament and our plans for political future," Mr Mbadi said.

"We will also have presenta-

tions from a political strategy group that has been caucusing on a number of political issues and designing the party's future," said Mr Mbadi.

The party secretary-general and spokesman Ababu Namwamba said the midterm review will come up with proposals for better political coalition strengthening and realignment strategies to ensure the coalition is not thrown into the political cold like happened in 2013.

Mr Namwamba said the strategists working on the ODM's 2017 poll plan are expected to make presentations at the Maanzoni retreat largely geared towards unlocking the jinx that has cost the ODM leader the presidency in the past.

"We expect to get empirical aspects of how we need to face 2017 polls stronger than last time," Mr Namwamba said.

Teams that have been collecting data on identity cards and voters card registration in Cord strongholds will also compare numbers obtained

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Mr Namwamba



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ODM Secretary-General Ababu Namwamba addresses journalists at Orange House in Nairobi on Tuesday

from the registration authorities and make a decision on way forward ahead of national voter registration expected in November.

"Our secretariat was working on the final layout of the Maanzoni meeting. We expect it to be ready early enough before we meet on Sunday and Monday," said Suna East MP

Junet Mohammed.

He said that ODM and Cord are working on an election plan that will beat the Jubilee coalition. "We must present a strategy that will save our country from continuous graft and cut short the political lives of looters of our national resources so that we can have a government

standing on the principle of zero tolerance to corruption," Mr Mohammed said.

He said the Cord parties will meet a week later to firm up the coalition's election planning among other issues.

The retreat comes just days after the party's National Elections Board released timelines for the grassroots elections in counties. NEB chairperson Judy Pareno said grassroots elections in 20 counties will be held between October 3 and October 6.

Said Ms Pareno: "In this respect, the National Elections Board wishes to invite party members interested in the various seats right from the polling station, ward, constituency and county levels to apply for these positions by filling in the application forms and pay the requisite fee."

She also announced that the party will conduct civil education in all counties to enlighten people on ODM's new national and grassroots structures.

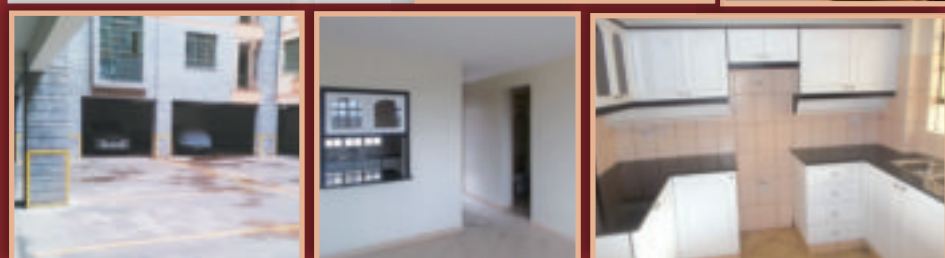
The battle for positions is expected to be tighter in Nyanza where some candidates have already declared their intentions.

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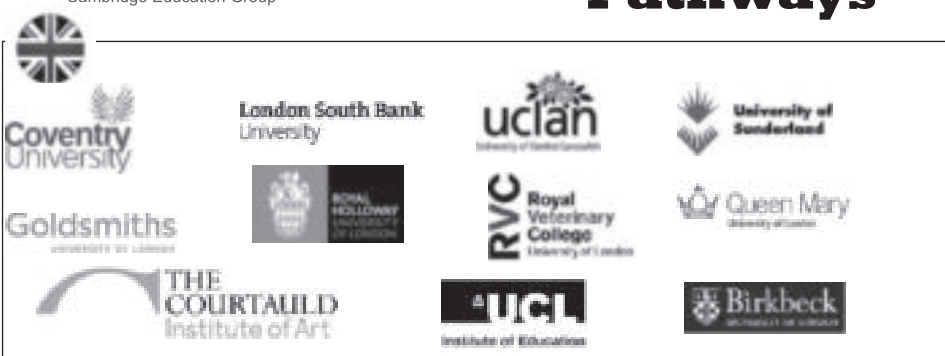
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ENDORSEMENT | Inclusion of Majority Leader in President's delegation to Uganda last week was a vote of confidence in him

Uhuru's face-off with MP over Duale censure

Kega summoned to State House for a dressing-down by the President moments before he threw in the towel

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President Uhuru Kenyatta personally reined in Kieni MP Kanini Kega, telling him to drop the censure motion against House Majority Leader Aden Duale, the *Sunday Nation* has established.

Mr Kenyatta's concern was that subjecting his key lieutenant in Parliament to a censure motion sponsored by an MP from his TNA party would be interpreted as a tacit approval by State House.

It also emerged that Mr Kega was summoned to State House for a dressing-down by Mr Kenyatta moments before he threw in the towel.

After this, a panicky Kega went to mollify Mr Duale at his office in Parliament, pledging to stop the onslaught and explaining that, after all, he meant no harm.

The closest Mr Kega got to confirming this was when he told the *Sunday Nation*, "If I kept pushing this matter, I was going to shoot myself in the foot."

Jubilee Alliance Party (JAP) vice-chairman David Murathe, who is said to have almost unfettered access to State House, said the President cannot allow political manoeuvres meant to rock his government from within.

"Some of these issues will keep cropping up but lawmakers should utilise internal avenues to sort them out. We do not want to play into the hands of our opponents."

Thus the decision to include Mr Duale as part of President Kenyatta's delegation to Uganda during the recent state visit is understood to have been a vote of confidence in the feisty lawmaker. It was also meant to bring closure to the matter.

Mr Kega said the censure motion had started taking a larger political dimension than the insecurity agenda. "After holding several meetings with my colleagues from North-Eastern and Nyeri, we decided it was better to drop the motion to avoid splits in the Jubilee Coalition, more so at this time when we are nearing the 2017 elections," he said.

His colleagues would later accuse him of not consulting them before dropping the idea.

But the fear of being isolated in Jubilee made the MP ditch the motion.

This is a trodden path.

More than a year later, Igembe South MP Mithika Linturi is yet to warm his way back to Jubilee's nerve centre after he championed a Bill to censure the powerful Devolution and Planning boss, Ms Anne Waiguru. Like Mr Kega, Mr Linturi chickened out at the eleventh hour.

Lawmakers, especially from Nyeri County, wanted Mr Duale censured for going back on his April promise to produce a list of financiers and sympathisers of the Al-Shabaab terror group.

The promise came after the terror group killed 147 people at Garissa University. Before this, quarry workers, mostly from Nyeri, were killed by the group in North Eastern.

In one occasion, Mr Kenyatta dispatched his Deputy William Ruto to meet the MPs on July 23. Without mincing

going to encourage Nyeri MPs to go ahead and hang Duale? Being a staunch defender of the government, Duale is going nowhere," Mr Murathe told the *Sunday Nation* in an interview.

Also, the move would have triggered a host of unintended consequences, both political and religious. Tension had started building among lawmakers from North Eastern region, with muted complaints

that they were being targeted. Fear of infiltration by the opposition was also real.

Mukurweini MP Kabando wa Kabando, a supporter of the motion, also adopted a conciliatory tone on the subject

that had set them on a collision course with State House.

The body language of the House leadership also pointed to a wider scheme meant to defeat the move.

PERSPECTIVE

The way forward



Aden Duale, Majority leader: "It was not a Jubilee agenda. It was like forcing a camel through the eye of a needle. Regardless of party affiliation, we must not be distracted from the social contract we signed with Kenyans to serve them".

Kieni MP Kanini Kega: If I kept pushing on this matter, I was going to shoot myself in the foot.

Compensation: Mr Kega has now drafted a Bill to compensate survivors and families of terror attacks, which he will present to the Speaker on Tuesday.

words, the DP passed on Mr Kenyatta's terse position to them.

Other lawmakers who attended the meeting were Mr Ndung'u Gethenji (Tetu), Mr Peter Weru (Mathira) and Ms Priscilla Nyokabi, women's representative.

The President was of the view that Jubilee MPs were ill-suited for "this kind of assignment even if they had concerns about their residents, who have borne the brunt of terror attacks in the North".

It also emerged that two chairpersons appointed from both sides — Senator Mutahi Kagwe and Maalim Mohamud Mohamed — were frequently briefing Mr Ruto on the truce negotiations between lawmakers from Central and North Eastern regions.

Mr Murathe said: "The establishment never supported the censure motion."

Do you think the DP was

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THE HAGUE | Bensouda had asked Appeals Chamber to rule that Kenya had failed to co-operate

Ruling on Kenya appeal at Hague court to clarify sanctions for states

It will be the first time, if appeal is successful, that ICC refers a country to Assembly of State Parties

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The ICC judgement this week on Kenya's alleged non-cooperation will be significant in clarifying the possible sanctions that may await States Parties that default on their obligations to the court. ICC Appeals Chamber will deliver its judgment on Wednesday at 10am in an appeal by Prosecutor Fatou Bensouda. She wants it declared that Kenya failed to cooperate and that it sabotaged investigations. "The significance of the ruling lies in that it may clarify when a State Party fails to co-operate with the court. The Rome Statute generally talks about referring a non-co-operative State Party to the Assembly of State Parties but it is silent, or even vague on the possible sanctions," human rights



International Criminal Court chief prosecutor Fatou Bensouda.

lawyer Njonjo Mue said. The Assembly of State Parties is the political arm of the International Criminal Court. It is composed of countries that are members to the Rome Statute. Should Ms Bensouda's appeal be upheld, Mr Mue said the court

will be breaking new legal ground where the judges sanction a non-cooperative State Party by referring it to other members in a political environment. "If the prosecutor's appeal fails it will embolden State Parties that they can sabotage investigations

and nothing will be done to them," he added. According to lawyer Evans Monari who represented former Commissioner of Police Hussein Ali at the court, it is going to be a landmark judgement that will guide the relationship between the State Parties and the ICC. "If the prosecution's position is upheld by the Appeals Chamber, the ASP can escalate the matter to the UN Security Council," he said. Ms Bensouda submitted that the government's reluctance to fully co-operate with the court led to the termination of Uhuru Kenyatta's case. He had been charged with crimes against humanity in the 2007/08 post-election violence. Ms Bensouda accused the government of failing to give her details of President Kenyatta's assets. In addition, the Africa Centre for Open Governance (Africog), in an *amicus curiae* submission, had stated that the government failed to let the ICC prosecutor obtain statements from senior police officers who were in the areas most hit by the violence. Furthermore, Africog boss Gladwell Otieno had argued that the government had declined to freeze

President Kenyatta's assets as had been requested by the ICC. The judgment will however have no impact on President Kenyatta's case that has been withdrawn. But it will be relied upon in the ongoing and future cases at the ICC, including the charges against Deputy President William Ruto. The ruling will come just a week after Assembly of State Parties President Sidiki Kaba met President Kenyatta in Nairobi. President Kaba later met African Union officials in Addis Ababa. "He is trying to reach out to African countries as he had promised at his election in 2014," said Mr Mue. Meanwhile, the ruling on whether or not the ICC will allow Ms Bensouda to make use of the prior recorded statements of witnesses who either recanted or withdrew from testifying is still awaited. Mr Ruto's lawyer Karim Khan and the legal representative for the victims in the case, Wilfred Nderitu, have both said the ruling was expected any time from the second week of August.

“ If the prosecution's position is upheld by the Appeals Chamber, the ASP can escalate the matter to the UN Security Council” Mr Evans Monari

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SUPPORT | MPs and researchers back Ruto's announcement that ban on genetically modified organisms would be lifted

Pest-resistant maize at last... but it's biotech

Biosafety authority asks public to send comments on new, stem borer-resistant variety, even as lobbyists cry foul

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A decade-long scientific research has led to the discovery of a pest-resistant maize variety. But it will be a Catch-22 situation for farmers and the government since the variety is genetically engineered.

Farmers have been grappling with stem borer, a maize pest which leads to the loss of up to 400,000 tonnes of the crop annually.

To scientists, such losses can be addressed through technology.

"We have tried conventional methods but they have failed. That's why science is coming in," says Dennis Kyetere, the executive director of African Agricultural Technology Foundation (Aatf).

To rid farmers of the constant headache of dealing with the pest, the National Biosafety Authority recently asked for public comments on whether to approve genetically modified *Bt maize*.

The state agency has in its in-tray an application in which two research bodies, Kenya Agriculture and Livestock Organisation (Kalro) and Aatf, are seeking approval to commercialise the insect-resistant maize.

"We ask the public to participate through sending comments, concerns and/or objections to the authority in accordance with the Biosafety Act," reads the advert.

The advert further states that "the authority will make the final decision on the application based on risk assessments, socio-economic considerations and comments received from the public."

As the deadline for submission of comments draws closer, the controversial subject seems to be receiving government approval.

Speaking at the fourth biosafety conference, Deputy President William Ruto announced that the ban on genetically modified organisms would be lifted in two months.

Mr Ruto cited the need for the country to have enough food as a key reason for lifting the ban. "The government appreciates the contribution of technology and, in so doing, we will lift the ban," said Mr Ruto.

"In a month or two, we shall be able to do that (lift the ban) and address issues of food security," he added.

The DP also urged for vigorous campaigns across the country to allay fears associated with GMOs. "We cannot be left behind when the world is discussing matters biotechnology," he added.

Mr Ruto's statement comes at a time when many people are at a crossroads on whether to adopt genetic technology in agriculture or not.

Research on genetic technology in Kenya has been stalling since the government's blanket ban on genetically modified products in 2012 following a controversial study by French scientists that linked such products to cancer.

Findings of the study were published in the journal Food Chemical Toxicology.

The findings were, however, recanted after it was established that the authors did not adhere to internationally accepted standards for research.

But this did not change Kenya's position on biotechnology. While the government has been hostile to genetically modified foods, its proponents think it is the best thing to have happened.

To scientists, embracing genetic biotechnology is the solution to the country's constant battle with food insecurity.

To other groups, the push to introduce GM crops is just a ploy by multinational companies to find new markets.

Ms Wanjiru Kamau from the Kenya Organic Agriculture Network says unless the gaps and questions on GM crops are addressed, the country should not lift the ban.

"The CS of Health should first make public the findings of the task force on the health effects of GM foods," she says.

Ms Kamau, who champions organic farming, believes that the solution to food insecurity does not lie in use of genetic technology.

"We do not agree with interference of genes, especially in foods that people consume. GM will not solve the issue of poverty and hunger and, therefore, we do not need it."

She further says that adoption of GM crops like *Bt maize* will have a negative impact on

the country's economy.

"If we introduce *Bt maize*, we will lose exports of some crops like baby corn to the European market because it will be contaminated," she argues.

Dr Iain Wright, the deputy director of the International Livestock Research Institute

(Ilri) does not agree with Ms Kamau's arguments.

To him, as long as land is not expanding as much as the population, the only viable solution for the country is to increase its agricultural yield through genetic technology.

"Kenya needs to invest in

science and technology to improve its agricultural capacity if it is to feed the growing population," he says.

As if buying into the Deputy President's decision to lift the ban, a section of MPs have warmed up to the idea of introducing GM crops.

Endebess MP Robert Pukose, while on a tour of research facilities, said: "Other countries are way ahead in adoption of GMO (genetically modified organisms) technology. We continue to lag behind because of misinformation. Lift the ban," he said.

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PRECAUTION

Scotland to ban 'designer' crops

■ Last week, Scottish ministers were planning to formally ban genetically modified crops from being grown in the country.

■ They said Scotland wasn't prepared to 'gamble' with its food and drink sector to grow EU-authorised GMOs.

■ The Guardian reported that Scotland's environment secretary said he wanted to uphold the precautionary principle — that the potential risks to other crops and wildlife from GMOs outweighed the likely benefits.

FINANCE | Deputy VC writes to his boss saying even though VC didn't like him, he must live with reality that he is in the office

Nasty battle for control of UoN billions goes to varsity council

Vice-Chancellor fights with deputy to control use of money

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The bare-knuckled battle for the control of the University of Nairobi's billions and personnel management has been escalated to the university's council.

The battle has also sucked in the government and top officials are said to be stepping in informally to ensure that normalcy returns and the institution does not sink into a crisis.

At the heart of it is the university's Vice Chancellor Peter Mbithi who is locked in a power struggle with Deputy Vice Chancellor, Administration and Finance, Bernard Njoroge after the latter raised the alarm over mismanagement of funds.

Prof Mbithi has moved to clip Prof Njoroge's powers by issuing new guidelines where all expenditure above Sh100,000 can only be approved by the Vice Chancellor.

The Vice Chancellor is also moving performance contracting to his office, taking away powers he enjoyed when he himself served as the DVC Aca-

ademic before elevation to the new position.

According to an exchange of letters seen by the *Sunday Nation*, Prof Njoroge attempted to contain expenditures in the university, a move that has now earned him a show cause letter from the university's chairman of the Council Idle Farah.

Prof Njoroge in a letter to Dr Farah has complained that Prof Mbithi is watering down his efforts to tighten financial controls.

The letters portray thrifty measures on the part of Prof Njoroge who has capped the expenditures by cutting on retreats and out-of-town seminars by senior university staff. The *Sunday Nation* has established that the university is running on a Sh2.5 billion deficit and is currently on a Sh400 million bank overdraft.

"I was instrumental in disallowing the University Management Board (UMB) intended retreat at Enashipai Hotel which is very expensive in June. I also had to cut down the number of Senate and UMB retreat in Great Rift Valley Lodge and Resort in Naivasha which has earned me barbs and instructions on approvals for financial expenditure, including my not approving an expenditure of Sh4 million on cocktails," said Prof Njoroge.

He adds that the trip to Great Rift Valley was budgeted to be Sh13 million but he slashed it to



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University of Nairobi Vice Chancellor Peter Mbithi. He is embroiled in a power struggle with his Deputy, Prof Bernard Njoroge.

Sh10 million through cutting out joy riders and capping superfluous procurements.

And Vice Chancellor Mbithi in a letter dated August 3 sought to be the one approving all expenditures above Sh100,000 in the university.

"I have given new guidelines with regard to approvals of the expenditure and from now henceforth, all expenditures of Sh100,000 and above will be approved by the Vice Chancellor with the recommendation of the Deputy VC Administration and Finance," wrote Prof Mbithi.

Those opposed to Prof Mbithi say that the appointments and promotions that he has signed off since taking office should be scrutinised to see if they meet the constitutional requirements for regional balance in public institutions.

Prof Njoroge, who is newly appointed as DVC wrote to Dr Farah seeking protection from his boss who he accused of demeaning him and interfering with his duties.

In reply, the chairman of the council has instructed Prof Njoroge to "swiftly comply with instructions issued by Vice Chancellor in his capacity

as the accounting officer of the university."

Further, Prof Njoroge has been asked to explain why disciplinary action should not be taken against him "on grounds of indiscipline, gross misconduct, incitement and insubordination".

Best in interview

Before promotion, Prof Mbithi was the DVC Administration and Finance which is now currently held by Prof Njoroge.

Prof Njoroge's appointment was riddled with controversy as he was not popular with some of the university's bosses despite having been the best during the interview for the position.

Universities Academic Staff Union was accusing the Ministry of Education and senior members of staff at the University of Nairobi of interfering with his appointment.

The union's chairman Samuel Nyandemo claimed the ministry was introducing a concept of regional balancing, that the new deputy vice-chancellor was supposed to come from a minority tribe. Dr Nyandemo said the concept was a ploy to have Prof Enos Njeru take up the position.

Prof Njeru is a Mbeere while Prof Njoroge is a Kikuyu.

Prof Njoroge in his letter to the VC has said: "I know I was not your choice but I am the office holder now."

Contacted by the *Sunday Nation* yesterday, Prof Mbithi said: "The matter is being handled by the council. It is beyond my level and therefore (I) cannot comment further."

It has also emerged that legal challenges could face the university over the constitution of the current UoN council, which would only escalate the problem. The potential hurdle stems from a judgment delivered by the courts in relation to an earlier unrelated dispute at the Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology (JKUAT).

According to the courts, the appointment of University Council members by the Cabinet Secretary for Education, Science and Technology has to adhere to constitutional and statutory principles of inclusiveness and openness in public appointments.

The decision was reached in a judgment delivered by Mr Justice Nduma Nderi of the Employment and Labour Relations Court, in a case filed by two petitioners challenging Prof Jacob Kaimenyi's appointment of the JKUAT Council.

Justice Nderi agreed with the petitioners and the AG that the appointment was faulty and declared that the Council was not properly constituted.

"In this case, the relevant provision is Section 36(1)(d) of the Universities Act, 2012 which mandates the Cabinet Secretary to appoint five (5) members of the Council through an open process," said the Judge.

He said that in discharge of its functions and exercise of its powers under this Act, a University shall be guided by National values and principles of governance set out under Article 10 of the Constitution.

Mr Justice Nderi also said that the Court upholds these to be the minimum standards applicable to the appointment of the chairman and members of the Council.

Be nice to Kanu and JAP critics to bag North Rift, Ruto told

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The United Republican Party may have to dig deeper into its reserves to keep the North Rift vote consolidated for President Uhuru Kenyatta's second term bid in 2017.

Deputy President William Ruto's URP, which claims the biggest balloting pie in the North Rift, will have to seal cracks occasioned by an escalating political disagreement with Baringo Senator Gideon Moi's Kanu party.

The wider argument is that, by forcing JAP down the throats of the electorate, the former Eldoret North MP's grip of his backyard may start loosening, with Kanu moving in for the kill. JAP aims at merging President Kenyatta's TNA and Mr Ruto's URP into one outfit, a move that Mr Ruto's critics in URP are opposed to.

"Kanu was at the forefront of supporting Mr Kenyatta in 2013. We would wish to throw our support for him for his second term," said West

Pokot Senator (Kanu) John Lonyangapuo. "But we are cautioning that Kanu will not (automatically) support JAP in 2017. The President should first agree with us before then, just like he did in 2013," he added.

Kanu Secretary General Nick Salat said: "There's nothing for free; each party tries to add value to itself. JAP is a new thing and it will be upon the President and his team to reach a pact with us."

Kanu enjoys huge backing in the North Rift — mainly in West Pokot and Baringo counties. This may make URP work extra hard to retain the six remaining counties in the region.

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We simply cannot break up to form JAP, even if we are to support Mr Kenyatta again in 2017,"

North Rift Kanu leaders



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Kanu chairman Gideon Moi (left), West Pokot Senator John Lonyangapuo (centre) and Kanu Secretary General Nick Salat at a fundraiser. Gideon is said to be positioning himself for the country's top seat in 2017.

Think-tanks of retired President Daniel arap Moi (Gideon's father) in Uasin Gishu, Nandi and Elgeyo Mar-

akwet still keep close ties with Gideon, a hint that Kanu's popularity in the area should not be shrugged off.

The bad blood between Kanu and URP is a result of reports that Gideon, the Kanu chairman, is positioning himself for the country's top seat in 2017. For three weeks in May, he traversed the North Rift to popularise his party and his potential bid for the presidency.

Political adviser Joshua Kuttuny, once a close ally of Mr Ruto, played a big role in "bringing in the sheaves" to Jubilee in 2013, but appears to have shifted gears.

Mr Kuttuny and the Deputy President are currently not seeing eye to eye and have been exchanging barbs. During weekend visits, mainly for church fundraisers, Mr Ruto has been drumming up support for JAP and denouncing Kanu, saying it is "long deserted".

Mr Salat cautions URP that "unrestrained attacks" on Kanu may jeopardise President Kenyatta's support in the next poll.

And political analyst Musa Musakali said: "Gideon Moi is not a controversial politician. He is smart and can pull a surprise."

ANALYSIS | Karuti Kanyinga

Obama visit was not by accident; China is just but an illusion



What China has done is to increase the national debt. The country gives loans and very little grant. The US does the opposite; it increases trade and gives development aid. Only problem is they think they know it all

Uncle Sam came to visit the other day. But the frenzied welcome given to POTUS aroused so much dust that there was no opportunity to reflect on who Uncle Sam (US) is to Kenya's development and whether China is really worth the praise it receives in some circles.

Now that the dust has settled, there is room for review on who the US actually is to Kenya, and whether China makes any difference in our development agenda. There is a group of 'business politicians' or politically influential middlemen who have been selling China as the way to go from the early days of President Mwai Kibaki's reign. After tongue lashing over issues of corruption, they advised the government to troop to the 'east'.

These business politicians have conceived and portrayed China as a very good friend of Kenya's development agenda. But they really do not say why they love China. They love China not because China does not care about issues of governance or that China does not do tongue lashing. They love China because of the money they make by opening doors to Chinese businesses.

But China is not really a big thing in terms of trade with Kenya. Africa, America and Western Europe are far more important than what China is assumed to be. In terms of trade relations, Kenya has more goods traded with African countries and especially with neighbours in the region than goods traded with China.

We export more and earn more from Uganda, Tanzania and Rwanda and others in the region than what we earn from trading with China. In 2013 and 2014, Africa in general represented about 45 per cent share of our export earnings.

Europe represented 22 per cent. The countries in Europe contributing a significant share of export earnings include the UK and the Netherlands.

Asia represented only 18 per cent of our export earnings. This includes trade with China, India, Japan among other countries. China was not even the main trading partner in Asia in 2013 and 2014. Total earnings on exports to China was about 1 per cent.

We have more earnings from export with Pakistan, Afghanistan, and United Arab Emirates (Dubai), than from China. Our earnings from any one of these countries, individually, is more than double our export earnings from China. China in fact represents only 10 per cent of the share of earnings from our exports to Asian countries.

Earnings from exports to US have been on increase. America, in fact, represents close to 15 per cent of share of export earnings. Our earn-

ings from exports to the US are more than four times those from China.

China announces presence through visible gigantic projects

China has been paraded as the most important actor in Kenya's trade relations as well as in development. True, the mega infrastructure projects like the roads, the railway line, the ports (Mombasa and Lamu), have been portrayed as gigantic development solutions. They have been given the image of the 'magic bullet' that has never happened in Kenya.

This is the strategy China is using everywhere in Africa. There is a reason for this. Until very recently, China's goods in Africa were 'renown' for poor quality and cheap pricing. That was the fame of China in Africa: Cheap, not durable, small, and poor standard.

But China has to change all this. The country has to announce itself on the world stage by doing what the West does not do — big things. This cannot be done without repackaging products and creating a new 'selling image'. This is the image of mega projects everywhere in Africa and now in Kenya.

In Kenya, America is big on development assistance

Even though development assistance is not a very important indicator for Kenya's development, the figures of who gives how much to Kenya are an important guide about who the real players are. This is the amount they give to support development programmes in various fields.

What is quite clear in terms of development assistance is that it is only Western Europe and America (plus Japan) that have been visible. In the development budget for the 2012/2013 period, Germany gave almost 60 per cent of the total grants followed by Denmark at 11 per cent.

But China came big in 2013/2014 fiscal year by giving grants amounting to 28 per cent of the total grants supporting the development budget. Much of this was meant for the railway and other mega projects. Western Europe and America filled major gaps.

Simply put, western Europe and America have been the main players in our development. America, Denmark and Germany have been leading in this respect. US accounts for close to 40 per cent of the total development assistance. Britain accounted for about 12 per cent and a similar share for EU institutions. Denmark, France and Germany are also major players.

China is just big on loans

A close look at the 2014/2015 budget support by donors shows how illusory China is: They are big



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President Uhuru Kenyatta welcomes US President Barack Obama when he visited the country recently. Looking on is US ambassador Godec.

in giving big loans. China accounted for 33 per cent of the total loans for the 2014/15 budget. Japan was next at 21 per cent and France at 17 per cent.

In the previous year, China at 43 per cent share of total loans to the government again was leading as the lender. In 2012/2013, the share of loans by China was 51 per cent of total loans to the government.

In the same period, Denmark, US, and Japan topped the list of the countries giving more grants to the government of Kenya. Not China. China was giving loans. Japan was giving both loans and grants.

Here in lies the difference. China is big on loans. They give big loans. Traditional partners do not give a lot in terms of loans. They give grants.

The journey to the 'east is not real'. We seem to gain more trading with other African states than trading with China. China seems to get more from us particularly because they are focussed on giving loans rather than encouraging trade.

The American 'know it all' spirit spoils it all

Although America tops the list of the countries providing development assistance, there is something that is not very good with their approach to development — 'they know it all' even when they know little about local conditions.

A close look at America's development assistance in the last three years shows a growing interest in at least four areas. Agriculture, health,

governance, and population related issues. These are the areas whose share of US assistance is relatively more compared to other sectors such as education.

The problem, however, is that not all that America and other traditional partners fund pays dividends. The Americans have a tendency to adopt the attitude of 'know it all' and ignore what Kenyans know can make a difference.

What they give 'from the American people' may be much but the impact on national development remains quite difficult to show. They 'know it all' and give little attention to what recipients may say.

You will not find America building big infrastructure projects in the rural areas. Yet the concern of ordinary farmers and livestock keepers is good infrastructure such as roads, and feeder roads.

All the same, support to Kenya communities must take a new turn. Kenya and partners must re-invent themselves to build a strong foundation for development.

It is only innovative approaches to development that will make a difference. Without this approach, there will be minimal impact of development assistance. And China with its 'big bang' mega projects will continue to dot the country without real connection to people's livelihoods.

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Surrender forest land, residents tell leader

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Residents want land hived off Kiambu Forest worth an estimated Sh1.2 billion which was given to a firm associated with a prominent Moi-era politician returned.

The Green Ridge Residents' Association is challenging the legality of land allocations to Kama Agencies, a firm linked to the late politician Kuria Kanyingi, and Wanak Investment Company.

The allocations were done on April 1, 1995 on a 99-year lease.

Kama Agencies was allocated 38 acres while Wanak got 20 acres.

The association, through lawyer Fred Michire, wrote to the National Land Commission on July 30 saying it would seek legal redress to "address the irregular and illegal allocation of Kiambu Forest".

In the letter, the residents say a proclamation of 1932 and a 1964 legal notice are still unchanged, meaning the two plots are still inside Kiambu Forest.

"The allocation of land to Kama Agencies and Wanak Investment Company is illegal, null and void," they said.

They say the President has never had powers to allocate land designated as a forest.

"Once the public land has been designated as a forest, road, national park ... such land ceases to be 'unalienated' and is thus not available for alienation or allocation by the President or government," the residents said.

Withdrew case

The association also questioned why Kama Agencies withdrew a case against the Attorney-General in 2013 that had been in the High Court for nine years.

Among the documents it submitted to the lands commission is a June 2013 letter from the AG.

In the letter, counsel Joyce Koech, writing on behalf of the AG, tells the director of the Kenya Forest Service that there could have been a motive behind the withdrawal of the case.

"I am of the opinion that Kama Agencies were apprehensive that continuing with the petition/suit might result in an inquiry into the legality of their title, and thus to avert adverse orders being made against them, they opted to withdraw their petition," she said.

Kama Agencies, however, maintains that the allocation was legitimate because a legal notice issued in July 1995 endorsed the takeover of the section.

A legal notice signed by Mr John Sambu, the then Environment and Natural Resources minister, authorised the change of the forest boundaries. Mr Sambu stated that he gave the go-ahead through powers given to him by the Forests Act.

However, the association says it doubts the gazette notice being referred to.

The residents demanded that the title be cancelled.

"It would be unconstitutional to allow a title that has been acquired in total disregard of the law," they wrote.

The petition was received by the land commission on August 3.

THE WEEK THAT WAS | Kwendo Opanga

Treasury should stop meddling in ports deal



Clean deal:
Changing rules of the game midway smirks of underhand dealings

On July 5, I wrote that engineering consultants would soon lock horns over the multi-billion-shilling Phase II of the expansion of the Port of Mombasa, which is funded by the Japan International Co-operation Agency (Jica). I also asked who would investigate brokers who threaten public servants with dire consequences if their clients don't get the tenders they want?

Jica, the tendering process for the expansion of the port, officially known as Mombasa Port Development Project, and brokers have been in the limelight since the *Saturday Nation's* front page story a week ago yesterday. But there is a significant change. Quite apart from civil servants being compromised, the long-standing development-based relationship between Tokyo and Nairobi is threatened.

Jica's senior representative Koji Noda wrote to the Principal Secretary in the Ministry of Transport on August 7 and said Jica was deeply concerned about the slow pace towards effecting the loan agreement.

Jica's chief representative Hideo Eguchi wrote on June 3 to the Treasury Principal Secretary regarding meddling in the tender saying he had serious concerns over major alterations to the on-going process.

Quite apart from the "deep

concern" expressed by Noda and the "serious concerns" raised by Eguchi, the latter's letter carries this weighty statement: "Any cancellations at this stage will affect future assistance to Kenya from the Government of Japan."

What is going on? First, the National Treasury has introduced eleventh hour amendments to the port tender documents pertaining to the procurement of the company that will operate the two terminals that constitute the expansion of the port.

This is called a landlord port model by which the Kenya Ports Authority owns the port, inclusive of infrastructure, but does not run it. This is instead carried out by the private sector. This is what a brief for the parliamentary Public Investments Committee dated June 25, 2015 says: "Kenya Ports Authority intends to establish a landlord type port management structure, which is considered to be the best practice for port authorities in the world. It should therefore develop the infrastructure

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Treasury's treatment of Jica – a longstanding partner — has elevated contempt to a new level”

and thereafter supervise the operations by an independent terminal operator.”

It is the process of selecting this entity in which the Treasury is meddling. It has introduced amendments mid-stream, after bidders have been shortlisted, and done so without informing Jica, which is funding the port as per a Sh32 billion March, 2015 Loan Agreement. What did the original request for proposal which Jica and other stakeholders know, state?

“A prequalified bidder that submits a bid as a joint venture or consortium with a Kenyan entity or otherwise at the time of prequalification shall provide details of the joint venture or the consortium agreement. The Kenyan entity shall have a share of not less than 15 per cent of the total share of the project company for the entire contract period.”

What change has Treasury introduced? That “shareholding of at least 15 per cent by Kenyan citizens in the project company or an offer to the Government of Kenya of at least 15 per cent free carry interest in the project company.”

This after-thought demand for shareholding by government in a concession is untenable because government cannot supervise itself. It means Principal Secretary Kamau Thugge would sit on

the boards of KPA (landlord) and the firm (tenant) running the port. And much to the chagrin of Jica, the Treasury's amendments the conceding authority (selected port operator) shall determine the financing mechanism for Phases 2 and 3 of the port and this may include a build, operate and transfer model.

But, Jica points out that it was agreed in the concession plan that an operate and transfer model, which a Treasury U-turn now favours, was not a viable option for the port of Mombasa. So, it would appear vested interests have leaned on Treasury to change the rules midstream.

Treasury has in turn leaned on KPA, hence the slow progress. Jica is persuaded the Treasury is acting on behalf of persons keen to see one of the 12 bidding firms selected operator of the Mombasa port. Suspicion has centred on a Middle East company.

For me the way forward is to revert to the original concession agreement in order to inspire confidence, demonstrate goodwill to lenders and let the best bidder win. As things stand, the Treasury's treatment of Jica – a long-standing development partner — has elevated contempt to a new level.

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MY THOUGHTS |

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Society should carry share of blame for mess by its students



As one who is engaged in education, the recent debate about the behaviour of students and the events that have led to it could not of course have

escaped my attention.

Some of these events are certainly shocking and to say the least quite worrisome. How does one decipher the reality of a number of students planning how to put a dormitory on fire while they know that their fellow students are in there asleep and actually doing it?

What explanation does one give to the phenomenon of secondary school kids doing drugs and other antisocial activities in a bus?

We have our own issues at the university level and sometimes the public has been negatively affected by our students' insensitive behaviour on the streets. All manner of questions arise from these things that we keep seeing.

Who is to blame? Is it the school system or is it the domestic institution that has failed? Who are the other stakeholders that must be held responsible? Is it enough just to call off the mock exams? We can all keep asking these questions and many more but the reality remains that we have a major challenge in our efforts to form a future generation that will manage this nation.

As one agonises over these matters, several variables come to mind. One, there is the question of how and where these students are brought up and by who. It would not be reasonable to argue with the imperative that parents or guardians have a key role here. Of course as they do what they must do for their children, we must accept the fact that they do not do it in a vacuum.

They do it within the context of all the other social, economic and cultural realities that form part of their lives and that of their children.

The second variable that one must consider is the education system. One of the things that I think must be addressed urgently is the fact that by and large our school system did at some point degenerate to a point where it is all about results and passing exams.

The formation and passing on of values aspect is to a large extent given little attention. A good education should in my view be about forming proper human beings who will go on to sustain a rich culture for all.

A third aspect is that education today is big business. Parents work so hard to make sure they pay for the education of their children. Could it be possible that after paying they think they have done everything? Parenting is certainly more than that and must be balanced with all the other factors.

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OPINION | Kiprono Kittony

We need to celebrate Kenyan business giants



Don't break up firms:

No country in the world has grown its economy by breaking up its institutions in the name of competition

For decades, Kenya's economy has retained its prized position as the largest and most vibrant in the region.

Our rich talent pool, growing opportunities in new fields and the strong entrepreneurial spirit that drives us as Kenyans was recently celebrated at the just-concluded Global Entrepreneurial Summit. The informal sector (under which most entrepreneurs fall) accounts for nearly 18 per cent of Kenya's Gross Domestic Product but comprises 90 per cent of all businesses in the country. It employs the largest number of citizens accounting for 82.7 per cent of the total job opportunities.

Over the years, the informal sector has diversified into activities such as manufacturing, transport and, increasingly, the digital economy. But beyond the successes of the small and medium-sized businesses, we are beginning to see the start of the era of Kenyan business giants.

For instance, Bidco, which started as a family-owned soap and edible oils manufacturing company based in Kenya, now sells its products in 16 countries around Africa. The company is the market leader in its manufacturing

segment in Kenya, and commands a significant share of the market in other countries.

Similar gains on the regional front have been made by national carrier Kenya Airways which, despite its current issues, has been at the forefront of putting Kenya in the global map by offering direct connections to the world.

Safaricom's M-Pesa has equally put Kenya on the global map of financial inclusion by increasing the number of Kenyans with access to financial services from 16 per cent of the adult population to over 65 per cent. As a result, Kenya is now the second most financial inclusive country in sub-Saharan Africa, after South Africa.

KCB and Equity Bank, the two leading financial powerhouses built entirely in Kenya, have equally put us on the global map as the symbols of our entrepreneurial ambition and drive in the financial sec-

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Safaricom has grown to where it is today through hard work, innovation and resilience”

tor. They have created new models that are changing the way banking is thought about globally.

Overall, the key reason Bidco, Kenya Airways, Equity, KCB and several other Kenyan companies have succeeded is because Kenyan enterprise has achieved stellar growth by fine tuning their understanding of the consumer. They have built on those unique insights to create forward-thinking products to meet the needs of that consumer, which we are now finding are attractive and easily exportable to the rest of the world.

The sum total of this accelerated growth is bigger and more responsive firms that act as the cornerstone of our economy and the pillars around which we spread prosperity in our society. We owe a great deal of this success to the enabling environment that exists in Kenya. In order to fully deliver on the promise of our economy and capitalise on our strengths, time has come to let our Kenyan businesses thrive and grow even bigger.

No country in the world has grown its economy by breaking up its institutions in the name of encouraging competition. Which is why the current debate on whether

Safaricom should be divided is especially worrying. Safaricom has grown to where it is today through hard work, innovation and resilience. At a time when its competitor led the market, it took a risk to charge its customers by the second rather than by the minute, shifting the market in its favour by offering cheaper, more accountable services to subscribers. Safaricom has continuously channelled investment into areas that other operators did not feel were financially viable and further supported this by ploughing back its profits into what is now the largest corporate social investment programme in the region.

Safaricom's M-Pesa, which is now the world's most successful mobile money transfer solution, only became what it is due to a strong focus on building the best possible solution for Kenyans who had little or no access to financial tools. Therefore, if Kenya is to realise its ambitions of being a regional economic giant, she must continue to cultivate an empowering business environment.

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OPINION | George Kegoro

The issue of 'political bias' in relation to the Supreme Court



Credibility crisis:

There are questions as to what role, if any, the Supreme Court will play in the 2017 elections in view of the credibility crisis the court finds itself in

Justice Willy Mutunga said recently that he may be tempted to introduce a fresh vetting process to address the problem of corruption which has re-emerged in the Judiciary.

This would be a useful time to consider the problem of political bias in the Judiciary along the issues of corruption.

"Political bias" is contrasted with "personal bias." Political bias is usually understood as partisan or ideological bias: the desire for an outcome that is inconsistent with an impartial outcome. Personal bias can be understood as deciding a case on the basis of personal gain, either for oneself or for family, a friend and so on.

In 1996, at the invitation of the Law Society of Kenya, the International Bar Association carried out a comprehensive study of the condition of the Kenyan Judiciary and noted "there is a general belief that compliance with government wishes is secured by the appointment of pliable judicial officers, by direct approaches by the Chief Justice or the President to the presiding officer and by the allocation of controversial cases to a select group of judges and magistrates."

This was a description of political bias at work. The controversial cases referred to in the report were cases whose outcome the political establish-

ment had a vested interest in. In the period before the re-establishment of multi-party politics, when there was a premium on the freedom of assembly as oppositional figures struggled for space to organise, controversial cases included those challenging the decisions of authorities to deny the opposition the right of assembly. Cases arising from the application of laws that permitted detention without trial, those that punished political crimes like sedition, and those that dealt with electoral disputes in which the political establishment had an interest, were further examples of controversial cases.

Political bias results from illegitimate political influence on judges which can take different forms, including blackmail and threats of violence or the use of actual violence on judges. Other forms of illegitimate influence stem from the relations between the Judiciary and other arms of state. In some situations judges work in a culture where they are expected to defer to political authority, thus succumbing to political bias.

Also bribery and corruption can be used to reinforce a commitment to a political cause that a judge already supports. The IBA report noted "a recent occasion when the state disposed of public land including

houses previously owned by it ... at nominal prices to people including judges." There are also structural causes of bias including those arising from the arrangements under which judges are appointed to office. Judges may feel a need to defer to the wishes of the appointing authority.

The Constitution of Kenya made a strong attempt to eliminate the structural sources of political bias, significantly neutralising the previously-strong role of the president in the appointment of judges and strengthening that of the Judicial Service Commission both in the appointment and removal of judges at the same time. Thus, the JSC has the power to appoint and to exercise disciplinary control over registrars, magistrates and other judicial officers. Further, the removal of a judge may be initiated only by the JSC acting on its own motion, or on the Ever since the Supreme Court delivered its judgment, it has been the subject of criticism in



Supreme Court judgment has been the subject of criticism in some circles

some circles petition of any person to the Commission. These provisions confer on the JSC a driving role in the governance of the Judiciary and also minimise the roles of other actors in the affairs of the Judiciary.

Notwithstanding the constitutional reforms, there are well-founded perceptions of political bias in the manner in which the Judiciary, particularly the Supreme Court, has carried out its mandate. The best example of this bias was exhibited in the presidential election petition after the 2013 elections where the court delivered a confounding judgment and also made all its interlocutory decisions in favour of only one side of the petition.

In his remarks in Mombasa, the Chief Justice was only concerned about personal bias arising from improper influence that judges are alleged to be taking in relation to cases before them. While a look at personal bias is welcome, this will not alone solve the problem, without extending the inquiry into issues of political bias. Ever since the Supreme Court delivered its judgment, it has been the subject of criticism in some circles although the Chief Justice has fiercely defended it. It would be difficult to move beyond the stalemate created by the two differing positions without

opening new ground.

Where courts are influenced by political bias, this destroys their capacity to enforce political accountability. With elections expected in 2017, there are questions as to what role, if any, the Supreme Court will play in those elections in view of the credibility crisis it finds itself in.

Some form of inquiry must precede any chances of the court redeeming itself sufficiently to be viewed as an actor in the country's electoral process. There is no obvious locale where such an inquiry can be anchored. Now that the Chief Justice has, on his own, announced that he may consider a vetting process, he would do well to include in the process an inquiry into questions of political bias that have arisen in relation to the court in which he sits.

Such an inquiry would look into questions including why the judges represented the dissenting Seychelles authority as the judgment of the court, why it so happened that one side of the petitions got whatever they wanted while the other lost all they asked for, and finally, why one set of lawyers were allowed to dominate and patronise everybody including the court itself.

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OPINION | Peter Kagwanja

Re-define pan-Africanism to ward off violent extremism



Effective tool:

Pan-Africanism is the continent's most effective ideological tool in fighting back global threats to Africa's interests

Across the world, peoples of African descent are gearing to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the Fifth Pan-African Congress held in Manchester on October 15, 1945.

The ideology of pan-Africanism is still as vibrant and galvanising today as it was 70 years ago when African leaders like Kwame Nkrumah and Jomo Kenyatta joined 87 other delegates representing 50 organisations in the historic town hall meeting that has shaped modern Africa. This unflickering spirit of Manchester was re-dramatised in the Eastern Africa Region Pan African Congress in Nairobi this week.

But the continent on the cusp between the optimism of "Africa rising," soared by the prospects of the continent as the new frontier of economic growth, and the pessimism wrought by spiralling violent extremism linked to the parochial clan and ethnic ideologies and radical Islamic terrorism.

It was Charles Darwin who famously said that "It's not the strongest who survive, nor the most intelligent, but the one most responsive to change." Africa's future depends on how pan-Africanism is going to adapt and redefine itself vis-à-vis the hydra of parochial and extremist ideologies that now threaten Africa.

Pan-Africanism is Africa's

greatest intellectual innovation in the last millennium.

What has made the ideology of pan-Africanism attractive is not the mere belief that unity is pivotal to economic, social, and political progress of the people of African descent. Rather, it is its inclusivity: the bold assertion that the African people on the continent and in its sprawling diaspora not only share a common history but their destiny is inextricably intertwined.

Long before Manchester, the African intellectual, W.E.B. Du Bois, had declared that "The problem of the 20th century is the problem of the colour-line." The systems of slavery, colonialism and apartheid imposed on Africa by generations of white extremists were laced with racism.

To confront the "colour-line" in a world polarised by the ideological Cold War between the Soviet-led Communist East and the American-led Capitalist West, George Padmore and Kwame Nkrumah, the co-Secretaries of the Manchester Conference, defined the ideological trinity pan-Africanism as nationalism, socialism and non-alignment. They elevated the liberation of Africa from colonialism and apartheid into the most crucial agenda in the 20th century.

A half-century later, by 1994, the embers of nationalism that pan-Africanism stoked in

1945 had swept through entire Africa, replacing colonial and apartheid regimes with 54 independent African states loosely organised around the OAU and its successor, the AU.

With the collapse of the "colour-line" and the triumph of liberalism over communism/socialism, pan-Africanism was redefined in the context of what South African Presidents Nelson Mandela and Thabo Mbeki popularised as "African Renaissance."

Liberalism replaced socialism as one of the key ideological tenets of refurbished pan-Africanism, which now underpins Africa's Agenda 2063 on pan-Africanism and African Renaissance.

Explicitly, the prompters of the African Union defined the problem of the 21st century as insecurity that undermined socio-economic progress and development. In the post-Cold War era, the security problem has linked to violent conflicts involving rival identities (clans



'Political tribalism' is the greatest threat to peace, democracy and prosperity of the African people"

and ethnic groups) and radical terrorism.

Africa must now redefine pan-Africanism to secure development from the threat of ethnic parochialism and violent extremism. We need to redefine and revitalise pan-Africanism as an ideological counter to two threats to African democracies today.

First, we need to redefine pan-Africanism to neutralise "political tribalism" or the unprincipled and divisive competition for state power by members of the political class who claim to speak for unified ethnic communities.

In fighting political tribalism, we need to contrast it with what the British historian, John Lonsdale (1994), described as "moral ethnicity." This is a benign force that seeks to harness the solidarity and unity of a group to promote the welfare of citizens. "Political tribalism" promotes parochial ethnic citizenship; moral ethnicity ideals of civic citizenship in Africa's multi-ethnic and often poor societies. Political tribalism is the greatest threat to peace, democracy and prosperity of the African people.

Inversely, a revamped pan-Africanism is pivotal to counter the minority-majority problem in African democracies that President Obama addressed in his recent visit to Kenya. This problem manifests itself in two

ways: on the one hand, pan-Africanism is needed to counter the tyranny of minorities exemplified by Burundi under President Pierre Buyoya where the "superior" Tutsi minorities tyrannised the "inferior" Hutu majority.

Inversely, we have the tyranny of the majorities exemplified by Rwanda under President Juvenal Habyarimana where the Hutu majority dominated the minority. But there are the exceptional cases. Although a minority in many countries of the Horn, the Somali political class has adeptly played on their multiple identities of clan, marginalised tribe and Muslim religion to mobilise huge political and economic power by uniting under their wings Somali clans, Arab-Swahili groups and non-Somali African Muslims in Kenya.

Regionally, pan-Africanism will help Africa forge cooperation in the fight against violent extremism and terrorism by such radical groups as the Al-Shabaab and Boko Haram. Manchester confirmed pan-Africanism as Africa's most effective ideological tool in fighting back global threats to its interests.

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NATIONAL DUTY | Kenya required to focus on innovation, reduce corruption and redistribute its wealth

Poverty ravages Turkana as new goals unveiled

Fifteen years since the UN passed eight millennium goals, hunger and graft still stalk the land

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Ms Mary Lochipo's childhood was spent on the plains of Turkana, often herding goats under the searing sun. At the age of 30 years, she is now a mother of seven — all of them delivered at home. Her husband, Musa Iwose, earns a living doing menial jobs in Lodwar town, some 10 kilometers away. On a good day, he earns Sh100. On other days, he spends time perched on his ekicholong — a traditional stool — as his wife weaves a basket or brooms to be sold.

Ms Ewoton Ng'ilimo, 52, too, has never left Turkana County. She is widowed with three children, two of them are married but are jobless.

Thorny bushes

The two families are from Nataparakakono village, a long stretch of communal land near Lodwar town patched with thorny bushes. The community faces a constant shortage of food, water and shelter.

A new school was built a few years ago from the Constituency Development Fund and supported by the county government, but the Nataparakakono children are often skipping classes for one reason or another — from trekking for kilometres in search of water and taking care of livestock to lack of fees.

"We don't have water and the land here does not support any crops," Ms Lochipo told the *Sunday Nation*.

Turkana is one of the largest counties in Kenya but it is also one of the poorest. According to the Commission on Revenue Allocation, just about 121,000 children have enrolled in primary school out of a population of 855,000. This is a small ratio given that about half of the population is aged below 14 years. The eldest of Ms Lochipo's children is 14 and attends the local primary school where her mother hopes she will one day become a doctor and lift them from the wretched life.

It is the sort of situation that probably inspired the United Nations to develop new goals to tackle poverty.

Fifteen years ago, the UN agreed to pass eight Millennium Development Goals (MDGs),

121,000

Number of children who have enrolled in primary school in Turkana, out of a population of 855,000, according to the Commission on Revenue Allocation

which end this year.

They included eradicating extreme poverty and hunger, achieving universal primary education, promoting gender equality and empowering women, reducing child mortality, improving maternal health, combating HIV/Aids, malaria and other diseases, ensuring environmental sustainability and developing a global partnership for development.

Critics charged that those targets were too general and ignored each country's unique needs. Next month in New York, the UN is expected to formally approve the new targets, known as the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The new goals identify poverty as the greatest challenge and still



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Women draw water from a hole dug on a dry riverbed at Lokirama in Turkana County for domestic use.

focus on the five Ps — people, planet, prosperity, peace, and partnership — as a way of getting people out of poverty without violence or depleting the environment.

"They are people-centred and planet-sensitive. They are universal — applying to all countries while recognising different realities and capabilities," observed UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon.

Development goals

"Fundamentally, they recognise that we cannot reach our development goals without addressing human rights and complex humanitarian issues at the same time."

Kenya will have to focus on innovation, reduce corruption and redistribute its wealth if it is to achieve the new set of global development goals.

Foreign Affairs Cabinet Secretary Amina Mohamed said the SDGs provide a clearer direction.

"The new agenda defines the requisite means of achieving it through both the financial and non-financial means of implementation. It defines the link

DEVELOPMENT

What key parts of global goals state

Predisposing factors:

The new deal lists factors that give rise to violence, insecurity and injustice — such as inequality, corruption, poor governance and illicit flow of money and arms.

Goal 9: Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustain-

able industrialisation and foster innovation. It also stresses on the need for reliable systems to support trans-boundary relations.

Goal 16: Dwells on having peaceful and inclusive societies, better justice system and accountable institutions.

with the means developed by the third conference on financing for development and recognises its complementary role," she said in a statement.

The targets seek to have authorities producing accurate data about development and will be implemented and monitored through those national development indicators which will, in turn, be compared with global measures.

The new deal talks of factors which give rise to violence, insecurity and injustice, such as inequality, corruption, poor governance and illicit financial and arms flows; issues that could resonate with Kenya's recent past.

"Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialisation and foster innovation," says Goal 9 that talks about the need for reliable systems to support trans-boundary relations and generally reach everyone.

At Goal 16, the document talks of having peaceful and inclusive societies, a better justice system and accountable institutions.

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Sustainable Development Goals

3 hopefuls to battle it out for ward seat tomorrow

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All is set for tomorrow's by-election in North Ugenya Ward in Siaya county as three candidates reach out to the 9,580 registered voters who will determine their next MCA.

Ugenya IEBC co-ordinator Hesbone Barasa said the commission is fully prepared for the by-election, adding that 21 presiding officers and 18 deputy presiding officers would man the 18 polling stations.

"The materials will be transported to the polling stations this (Sunday) evening," Mr Barasa said.

ODM, Jubilee and Kanu parties are facing off tomorrow as voters decide who among Mr Shabban Omar (ODM), Mr Steve Mwanga (JAP) and Mr Lazarus Otieno (Kanu) convinced them after the three-weeks long campaigns that were closed yesterday.

The by election was necessitated by the death of MCA Benson Omondi in March.

The vote has put pressure on the dominant ODM party following the entry of Mr Mwanga who many say is capable pulling a surprise.

Mr Mwanga almost beat Mr James Orenge for the Ugenya Parliamentary seat in 2007.

ODM Political Affairs Secretary Opiyo Wandayi has asked police and IEBC to take the election with utmost seriousness.

"We must ensure that Siaya remains a bedrock of ODM by delivering a resounding victory. Let our supporters come out in large numbers," Mr Wandayi said.

"We can't give JAP room to find a foothold in Siaya to propagate its negative ideology. The party will not leave anything to chance in any election it is a participant going forward," he added.

Mr Mwanga says ODM has no chance of victory adding that JAP will win since it has connected with the people in their door-to-door meetings.

"The final verdict rests solely in the hands of the North Ugenya residents and not ODM MPs nor its top party officials. We are going to bring JAP to Siaya," Mr Mwanga said.

Former MP to pay Sh10 million after failing appeal attempt

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After exhausting all available legal avenues to challenge a defamation suit, former MP Gor Sunguh (right) will now pay dearly for the remark linking a prominent lawyer to the murder of former Foreign Minister Robert Ouko.

When the appellate judge Martha Koome threw out his latest application to move to the Supreme Court, it became clear that Mr Sunguh had no other recourse but to pay senior counsel George Oraro Sh10 million for libel and slander.

Mr Sunguh had sought for exten-

sion of time to lodge an appeal to the Supreme Court after the Court of Appeal set aside the Sh3 million earlier awarded to Mr Oraro by the High Court and enhanced the figure to Sh10 million in general and aggravated damages.

He said he intended to raise certain constitutional issues at the Supreme Court on whether the Court of Appeal judgement went against the provisions of the Constitution and the National Assembly Powers and Privileges Act.

But Lady Justice Koome was concerned with the inordinate delay in filing the application. She said Mr Sunguh lodged a notice to appeal on

June 18, 2014, four months after appellate court had delivered its judgement on January 31, 2014.

The former Kisumu Town East MP explained that he was unable to file his application within the stipulated time because he was in financial straits to afford the legal fees and other attendant costs.

His lawyer Anthony Njoroge told justice Koome that the delay was further compounded by the fact that Mr Sunguh was out of employment, was residing in the rural areas and it had become difficult to track him to attend to court matters.

The judge dismissed the lawyer's argument contending he had not

advanced any plausible reason why she should exercise her discretion in favour of Mr Sunguh considering the modest fee of filing the application.

She noted that since Mr Sunguh was being represented by the same advocate retained by the Parliamentary Service Commission, his assertion that he was unable to pay the legal fees was baseless.

"He perhaps ignored the matter, neglected it, or deliberately forgot it and was woken up by the reality of the execution process by Mr Oraro," observed the judge.

Mr Oraro said the politician never took any steps to settle the award either in part or at all.



REGIONAL POLITICS | Wiper leader Kalonzo Musyoka says the people are with him

Mutua causes cracks in Ukambani politics

Leaders are divided between those supporting 'new leadership' and those for 'old order'

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Recent show of bravado by Machakos Governor Alfred Mutua is causing discomfort in the Wiper party and threatening to disrupt Ukambani politics. Questions are now being raised whether the political equation in Ukambani region is about to change or if it is just a storm in a tea cup?

Already, factions are beginning to form among the political leadership of the region with some siding with the "old order" represented by Wiper Democratic Movement party leader Kalonzo Musyoka and the other with the "new order" whose chief priest is Dr Mutua.

In the two years that the governor has been selling his "Maendeleo chap chap" ideology to his county, he has also won over some leaders who feel it is time to chart a new course for the entire region and which cannot be achieved through the old order.

"Kalonzo has reached his peak, there was Paul Ngei and then Mulu Mutisya. Our hopes are on Mutua," Machakos Town MP Victor Munyaka and a key Mutua ally told the *Sunday Nation*, quoting a popular Kamba saying that

"nguma nithamaa" (fame or popularity shifts from generation to generation). According to Mr Munyaka, the governor's development record had endeared him to the rest of Kenya.

But the former Vice-President, who has been the undisputed leader of the Kamba Nation for years now, dismissed Dr Mutua's activities as wishful thinking.

He told the *Sunday Nation* that much as people were free to speak their minds, there was no possibility of staging a coup through the back door.

"That is wishful thinking. The people are solidly behind us. No question about that," Mr Kalonzo said.

Some of the former VP's supporters are unamused by Dr Mutua's political activities, saying the governor is a "very junior person" to even be compared to the Wiper leader.

But despite enjoying growing support among the people, Dr Mutua says he is not interested in supremacy battles.

"Some leaders are saying that I am dividing the Kamba community due to my style of politics. I want to tell them that my development agenda will go on whether they like it or not since I am with the masses," said Dr Mutua.

He added: "I have no time to engage in fighting to become a tribal kingpin. My agenda is to see that our people have water, good roads and hospitals so that they live in dignity."

Still, Dr Mutua continued his attacks on the old order saying there is nothing good in poverty and wondered why those against him want to rejoice in seeing their people remaining poor.



THE NAMES

MPs in support



Eng Vincent Musyoka (Mwala), Mr Itwiku Mbai (Masinga) and Mr Victor Munyaka (Machakos town) have, however, stood with the governor and have been accompanying him to most of his political rallies.

Other MPs from the larger Ukambani region who support Dr Mutua are: Dr Rachael Nyamai (Kitui South), Regina Ndambuki (Kilome), Joe Mutambu (Mwingi South) and John Munuve (Mwingi North).

Speaking through his press Secretary Mutinda Mwanzia, Dr Mutua said:

"I always say there is no romance in poverty. My desire is to see Ukambani, which has the potential of becoming a political and economic powerhouse in the country, achieve that dream. It is wrong for any leader to aspire to become a tribal Kingpin yet his people are poor. God did not create us to continue wallowing in underdevelopment as a community."

Machakos Senator Johnstone Muthama, one of the governor's harshest critics, has asked residents not to be convinced by mere public pronouncements by the governor, but rather interrogate his delivery on matters that are

critical to their livelihoods like healthcare, water, infrastructure and most importantly, accountability. "I am not in any competition with Governor Mutua as some have said, but all we are asking is that residents should not be taken for a ride through mere launching of projects that usually never help the residents," said Mr Muthama. He called on the county residents to be wary of empty promises. "Any money diverted elsewhere through corruption is an injustice to the tax payers, who deserve better services and residents must always insist on accountability particularly on expenditure and on development issues," said the senator. On his part, Wiper Organising Secretary and Kathiani MP Robert Mbui blamed Jubilee Alliance for fanning the rebellion and disorder in the Wiper party to cause political instability in the region. Mr Mbui, while acknowledging Dr Mutua's development record, warned those who feel they have the muscle to challenge the region's leadership to do so at their own peril. "As a party we are not disturbed by what is currently happening. We just want those who feel they have the muscle to soldier on. We will meet them at the ballot box come 2017," said Mr Mbui. Analysts have observed that while Dr Mutua's developments empowers him to retain his seat, those on his side may not survive the Wiper onslaught and could be swept away by the wave come 2017.

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Carjackers shot in city drama

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Two suspects were on Friday night killed after the vehicle they carjacked hit a huge rock near Nyayo Stadium.

The two, according to Makadara OCPD Nehemiah Langat, were in the company of two others who forcibly stopped Mr Fred Odhiambo as he left the Capital Centre.

"The four suspects entered his car which was commandeered towards town by the armed men," Mr Langat said.

He said when the car reached Nyayo Stadium, one of the suspects who had now taken control of the car hit a huge stone as he tried to overlap.

"He hit a huge rock on the way forcing the car to stop. When the suspects realised that they had an accident, they got out of the car and started running away," Mr Langat said.

Police officers on patrol noticed them and started chasing after them.

One pair which was ahead, he said, managed to escape leaving their accomplices behind.

The officers shot them dead and recovered two homemade pistols and four bullets.

Mr Odhiambo, who recorded a statement yesterday at the Industrial Area Police station, said he had left the Capital Centre at around 7.30 pm.

The criminals

"Just outside the exit gate, there was a little traffic because some three cars had stopped because they had had an accident. As I was still waiting for others to move, I saw the four men who did not seem to know each other.

"One of them was reading a newspaper while another one was speaking on phone. Two others close to one another but looked like strangers just stood there as if waiting for someone," Mr Odhiambo said.

As vehicles moved ahead and it was his turn to drive, he heard a loud bang on the rear window, followed by someone opening the driver's door.

"The one who opened the door asked me to move to the back seat. He told me to be quiet as I was under arrest for drug trafficking. He also asked

me to keep quiet which I did," he said. The car, was driven towards South B.

As they moved around, he said, the suspect seated on the driver's seat received a call asking them not to go to Jogoo Road, but to Ngong Road.

"The driver took a u-Turn and went towards Nyayo Stadium very fast and on reaching the Nyayo Stadium Roundabout, there was a little traffic forcing the vehicles to move slowly.

The driver tried to overlap and moved past the other cars and just as he was about to get into the stretch, there was a lorry that was mowing into the roundabout and so he had to move away from it and hit a rock, damaging the car badly.

"On realising that they could not move any further, the four got out and started running away. I also got out and started screaming for help because I had seen the police. The Police tried telling them to stop but they refused. The blunder came when one of the two drew a gun and started shooting," he said.

Joho opens cultural fair



WACHIRA MWANGI | NATION

Coast leaders dance on day one of the International Cultural Festival at Fort Jesus yesterday.

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Mombasa Governor Hassan Joho has challenged residents in the county to promote co-existence.

Speaking during the launch of the county's International Cultural Festival, Mr Joho said diversity of the residents is the strength that makes Mombasa a "special" county.

The 10-day festival is set to showcase the richest coastal traditions and cultures.

The governor said: "I need people to work together so that we can change the notion that Mombasa is riddled with crime."

According to an official of the cultural fete, the county has spent Sh40 million in

organising the event.

Ms Rabia Salim said the money was contributed by the county government and private firms.

"We are expecting more than 30,000 visitors over 10 days," said Ms Salim.

She added that tourists from countries such as France have begun trickling in Mombasa for the cultural event.

County by County

MURANG'A: College to get fully fledged varsity charter

Murang'a University College is awaiting the executive diary to become a fully-fledged university. According to the school Principal ,Prof Julius Nyabundi, the Commission for High Education had done the necessary assessment and had found the institution fit to be upgraded to Murang'a University. "As we speak we have received a letter from the commission informing us that we been recommended for an award of charter." – **Martin Mwaura**

NYERI: NLC wants old land buying firms wound up

The National Lands Commission has directed that all land-buying companies which have accomplished their mission to be dissolved immediately. Chairman Muhammad Swazuri on Thursday said the companies were set up in order to buy land and settle their members and should cease to exist after that. He was speaking at Mwicuir Secondary School grounds in Kieni. – **Nelcon Odhiambo**

MIGORI: Health workers down tools to protest arrest

Operations at the Migori Level Four Hospital on Friday came to a standstill for hours after health workers abandoned patients to show solidarity with their two colleagues who had been arrested in connection with theft of drugs. The workers claimed the two were sacrificial lambs yet those who steal drugs are well known. – **Elisha Otieno**

BOMET: 25 children benefit from corrective surgery

Twenty five children who were born with cleft lip and palate underwent corrective surgery at a medical camp on Thursday. The patients who benefited from the operation by doctors from a non-governmental organisation – Help a Child Face Tomorrow – were from Bomet, Narok, Nakuru, Elgeyo Marakwet and Kericho Counties in the South, North and Central Rift Valley region.

– **Geoffrey Rono**



MERU: CDF to only take care of national govt projects

The Constituency Development Fund will not sponsor projects devolved functions. The fund's parliamentary committee chairman, Mr Moses Lesonet, yesterday said MPs have been allocating funds to such projects but this will come to an end in the next financial year. The Eldama Ravine MP said the kitty will only be used for functions such as security, education and others which are handled by the national government..

– **Dickson Mwiti**



SALATON NJAU | NATION

SAMBURU: Competitors take part in the 26th Maralal International Camel Derby amateur race at the Yare Camel Club yesterday. The four-day event is aimed at boosting tourism and promoting peace in the Northern Circuit.

NAIROBI: Epileptics can live more productive lives

Neurosurgeon Paul Kioy of UoN says Kenya has one million people suffering from Epilepsy but only 200,000 seek treatment, raising fears that many are leading unproductive lives. Saying the untreated group lived a life full of risks, Prof Kioy said the disease burden could be educed, freeing more people into the labour market. – **Francis Mureithi**

NAKURU: Cousins drown during night time fishing

A fishing excursion by six fishermen in Lake Naivasha ended tragically after two cousins drowned last Wednesday. Three others were rescued by boat operators, more than 10 hours after they were found clinging into the capsized boat and were rushed to a private hospital in Naivasha where they were treated. They were fishing at night against the rule. – **Macharia Mwangi**

KAKAMEGA: Police to get free Internet connection

The western region police headquarters in Kakamega town will have access to free Internet connection for two years from Airtel Kenya. Mr Jesse Kidenya, Airtel Communication manager, said access to free Internet will enable the law enforcers to communicate and conduct research related to their work with ease. Seven schools with fully equipped computer labs will also benefit. –**Benson Amadala**

VIHIGA : Friends Church meets to pick new leaders

Kenya's oldest Friends Church (Quakers) with the largest following in the county will from Wednesday congregate at Kisatiru in Sabatia to elect new leaders. A communication from the Chavakali main church called on all delegates to attend the forum that closes on Sunday. Various persons have fronted themselves for leadership slots. –**Derick Luvega**

LAIKIPIA: County in talks with medics over strike

Medical services in Nyahururu and Nanyuki district hospitals and other health facilities were paralysed after workers downed their tools. This forced the county government's health management team to hold talks with workers' representatives where they agreed to fast track payment of July salaries by Monday. – **Steve Njuguna**

KILIFI: Don't mess with Mekatilili, politicians told

Politicians have been cautioned against exploiting the Mekatilili wa Menza name for political gain but instead honour her as a freedom fighter. Secretary-general of the Malindi District Cultural Association Joseph Mwarandu has also cautioned youth not to engage in criminal activity in the guise of promoting Giriama traditions. – **Nehemiah Okwembah**

SIAYA: North Ugenya votes to elect Assembly member

About 9,580 voters in North Ugenya are set to participate in the North Ugenya by-elections tomorrow. Ugenya IECB co-ordinator Hesborne Barasa said the electoral commission is fully prepared to conduct a free and fair election. Mr Barasa said he has received all the election materials for the by-election, adding that Sega Youth Polytechnic would act as the tallying centre. –**Nelcon Odhiambo**

KISUMU: MP to destroy illegally imported sugar

Nyando MP Fred Outa has said he will lead locals in destroying all illegally imported sugar in western Kenya. This, he said, is to show displeasure with President Uhuru Kenyatta's agreement to import sugar from Uganda. Mr Outa said the imports would cripple the economy of western Kenya.–**Anita Chepkoech**

MOMBASA: Beach guides to be hired for safety in the sea

Mvita MP Abdulsamam Nassir says the county will recruit beach operators to guide visitors. He says divers will be trained and equipped to respond to emergency. "We have agreed with the county government that we will employ youths with life-saving skills in all the public beaches to ensure that there is adequate safety at all times," said the MP. –**Brian Ocharo**

MERU: Mother arrested for dumping infant in latrine

Police in Kimaachia arrested a woman who dumped her one-day-old baby in a pit latrine. Mary Gakii, 32, is receiving treated at Meru Teaching and Referral Hospital together with her baby, who survived the ordeal, under police guard. Mr Paul Kithure said a child who had gone to relieve herself informed him of having heard cries from inside the pit. –**Darlington Manyara**

KERICHO: Police officers in court on abduction charges

Three Nakuru-based police officers and a Tanzanian were last week charged in court with two counts of abduction and attempting to extort money from the family of Abdu Swaibu. Officers Charles Shikami, Francis Gitau and Steve Muriithi Mwongera and Tanzanian national Riziki Paulo were arraigned before Kericho Senior Resident Magistrate Lillian Kiniale and denied the charge. – **Timothy Kemei**

HOMA BAY: Debate on bursary Bill to begin

Members of the Assembly will this week begin discussions on the County bursary fund Bill. The Bill has been drafted by the finance executive and seeks to establish bursary funds for the bright and needy students in the County. It will be tabled by Assembly Education Committee chairman James Okeyo. – **Maurice Kaluoch**

BUSIA: Increase of new cancer cases worries doctors

Medics in the county have raised concerns over the increase in the number of cancer patients. Dr Jane-Rose Ambuchi, the Busia Teaching and Referral Hospital medical superintendent and Dr Doreen Ombugo of the Palliative Care at the facility said the past one year has seen 359 new infections. The medics said the leading cancer was that of the cervix with 266 new infections. – **Godfrey Oundoh**

NAIROBI: Mwaura hints at running for Ruiru seat

Nominated MP Isaac Mwaura has caused jitters among the Ruiru leadership with his community activities in the constituency with some believing he is preparing ground to vie for MP in 2017. The ODM politician has been crisscrossing the constituency initiating community projects. Asked about his intentions, the MP said many people had asked him to be their MP and wouldn't mind to represent his home area. – **Eric Wainaina**

MARSABIT : County plans to export beef to Uganda

The county government is seeking investors in the beef commercial industry to leverage on the recently signed deal between Kenya and Uganda that allows for export of beef and dairy products to Uganda. County Chief Officer in-charge of Trade, Industry and Enterprise James Chiwe said the county will be banking on the renowned quality of meat from the county. The county supplies 2,000 goats every week to Ethiopia's livestock market. – **Ken Bett**



KERICHO: 700 cartons of banned alcohol destroyed

Over 700 cartons containing banned liquor were on Thursday destroyed at the Kericho town dumpsite. The consignment was recovered within Kapsuser Trading centre in Belgut sub-county last month following a tip off from the public. Deputy County Commissioner Jamleck Mbuba, who presided over the event, urged residents to intensify their efforts on eradicating illicit liquor in the region..

– **KNA**

KIAMBU: Farmers urged to use articial insemination

Dairy farmers have been asked to embrace artificial insemination when breeding to improve the quality of their livestock. Limuru Veterinary Officer James Mululu said advantages of AI outweigh those of natural insemination and that farmers should therefore opt for the former. –**Agnes Aboo**

LETTER FROM LONDON | Gerry Loughran

Boy stabs his black teacher, then brags



Racism: Racial abuse said to be on the rise thanks partly to how immigrants are treated by the police and the media

Taking a kitchen knife from home, a boy of 14 racially abused his black teacher then stabbed him in the stomach. "I stick a blade straight in his tummy," the boy said afterwards on Facebook.

In another school in Britain, Jewish children are being taught how to hide under furniture in the event that their synagogue is attacked.

Statistics are inconclusive as to whether there has been an increase in racism here, but anecdotal evidence suggests that the many would-be immigrants seeking to enter the country from Africa and the Middle East and the use by government officials of words such as "swarms" and "marauding thousands" have sparked, or cemented, a hostile attitude among many Britons.

The January killings of Jewish shoppers in a Paris kosher supermarket have also engendered growing unease among minorities.

Vincent Uzomah, 50, a teacher at an academy in Bradford, said he prayed, "God, don't let me die," when he saw the knife sticking from his stomach. "I was thinking, 'Is this my last hour? I didn't say goodbye to my wife and three kids!'"

When the boy boasted about his action on social media, more than 30 people expressed "likes" for his action. Mr Uzomah said, "This makes me feel like society is drifting away from the normal way of life and if not corrected, it will

keep on getting worse."

At Bradford Crown Court, the boy, who cannot be named, was said to have discussed his intention to stab his teacher with a friend. He was sentenced to 11 years — six in detention and five on licence. The teacher said he forgave the boy, but he was still too frightened to return to teaching.

The arguments, which some people use against incomers, are that they want to live an easy life on government benefits and that they will take British jobs and houses. Investigations have persistently shown that the opposite is true — most migrants do not wish to claim benefits and the jobs they do get, usually low grade, are invariably better performed than by jobless Brits.

Few of the xenophobes acknowledge that refugees are fleeing real violence and threats to their lives; nor do they differentiate between bona fide asylum seekers and economic migrants looking for a better life. Adding to the tension last week were television news reports from Ferguson, Missouri, showing helmeted, mostly white, police lined up against African-Americans marking the anniversary of the death at police hands of black teenager Michael Brown.

As for anti-Semitism, the Community Security Trust reported last week that there was a 53 per cent rise in anti-Jewish incidents in the UK since 2014, with 473 incidents between January and June alone.

The figures included 44 vio-

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lent assaults, as well as damage to property and threats and insults on social media.

They call them listicles — news articles made up mostly of lists, such as: Ten Ways to Warm Up Your Bedroom in Winter, 22 Things All Beer Haters Know To Be True, 10 Bible Passages That Might Be Totally Bogus, 10 Fascinating Secrets Taken To The Grave, 10 Horror Movies To Scare You In Under Five Minutes.

And so on and so on.

They seem to dominate both the official media and the social media; they are in newspapers, magazines and even the BBC. They are hard to avoid, easy to read (or at least scan), superficial and irritating — if only because no matter how serious a person you think you are, you cannot resist them.

A couple had a blazing row and the wife announced she

was going to her mother. The husband said, OK, he was going to his mother.

"So what about our six children?" the wife asked.

He replied: "You're going to your mother and I'm going to my mother, so the kids will have to go to their mother."

A young man sat staring grimly into his drink so the barman asked him what was wrong.

"Two months ago, my uncle died and left me a thousand pounds," he replied.

"That doesn't sound like something to get upset about," the bar tender said.

"Yeah," the man said, "but last month another uncle died and left me two thousand pounds."

"So what are you so depressed about?"

"This month, so far, not a penny."

Thirty minutes out of Glasgow, the flight attendant announced, "We're very sorry, but there has been a terrible mix-up. We have 103 passengers but only 40 dinners. Anyone kind enough to give up their meal for someone else will receive free drinks for the duration of the flight."

Ninety minutes later, she came back on the speaker: "If anyone would like to change their minds, we still have 40 dinners available."

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OUTSIDE THE BOX

Otieno Otieno

Western should squeeze more bailout cash from sugar row



The ongoing shouting match between the ruling Jubilee coalition and the Opposition Cord over a sweetheart trade deal President Uhuru Kenyatta reportedly agreed with his Ugandan counterpart Yoweri Museveni has made it extremely

difficult to separate the hard facts from the political propaganda.

Conflicting official statements have only served to create more confusion, with the Trade minister denying the existence of any deal to open the Kenyan market to cheap sugar imports from Uganda and a moody President Kenyatta declaring he would have no qualms bringing in the sweetener from our neighbour "instead of importing from Brazil".

But, with the anti-sugar imports lobby championed by the Western Parliamentary Caucus also admitting having no details of the reported pact beyond what they heard from the media, the government might be due for the benefit of the doubt, for now. And Kenya doesn't have much of a sugar industry left to protect anyway.

One can't fault the MPs from the sugar-cane-growing former Western Province for treating the reports as a distress call and coming out to fight for the welfare of the people who elected them though. Since Moses Budamba Mudavadi, this region hasn't produced enough warriors to offer effective representation in the raw Kenyan political tradition of going out on a limb to bring back a share of the national cake to your people. Even the best of the new generation have tended to be the theatrical type, high on public drama but low on local welfare activities.

But the aggression with which the Luhya MPs have recently lobbied the government to help revive the sugar industry suggests that they are coming to terms with the reality of the Kenyan political economy whereby regions or communities appropriate their voting power for State resource inflows.

The most significant achievement of their lobbying so far was getting President Kenyatta to hand a Sh1 billion bailout cheque to Mumias Sugar Company two months ago.

Critics have dismissed the Sh1 billion as a drop in the ocean. Going by their current mood, which saw them even snub an invitation to a State House meeting on Thursday, the MPs seem to believe they can squeeze even more support for their sugarcane farmers and factories from this government.

Of course, the idealists among us will understandably take exception to this kind of resource allocation, citing the fairness and equity provisions in the Constitution. But who said life is fair? It is safe to bet that political scheming is still going to determine who gets what from the government. The Western leaders have seen it work for their counterparts from Rift Valley who, through tactics that sometimes border on blackmail, have made fertiliser and seed subsidies theirs by right. And Central Kenya farmers routinely have their State credit facilities waived or written off thanks to relentless lobbying by their leaders. Western MPs must make the most of the opportunity presented by the Uganda sugar row, too.

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BAROMETER | Lukoye Atwoli

Plant those 'Peace' signs all over the country



Driving down the Eldoret-Malaba road in western Kenya, one comes across small signposts proclaiming "I pledge my county for Peace". These are obviously relics of our turbulent past, especially the recent violence we witnessed after the 2007 General Election.

These signposts are not there in isolation. Multiple platforms are employed to drive home the message that peace is paramount.

Any politician or political commentator worth his weight in salt will not fail to mention the need for coexistence in order to guarantee our collective prosperity whenever they make any public proclamation. Indeed, the political pillar in our Vision 2030 is geared in part towards 'promoting peace building and reconciliation' as part of an overall strategy of ensuring political stability.

Looking at these exhortations for peace all over the place, one is left to meditate upon what kind of country or society this is that requires constant reminders to maintain peace. A foreigner landing here from a distant planet would be

forgiven for being extremely cautious when interacting with 'natives' in view of the frequent proclamations of peace!

However, there is a different way of looking at it.

We could go back to basics and find out why some societies do not need such 'peace' signposts.

To understand this, one would have to examine more fundamentally what happens in such societies whenever there is a threat to the integrity of the society.

In 'peaceful' societies, an individual who incites citizens to rise up against any subset of the population is quickly apprehended and dealt with according to the law. Anyone who

arms themselves with a weapon and attacks a neighbour soon comes face to face with the full force of State machinery, and is rapidly neutralised should he persist in his wayward ways.

Nobody is allowed to collect a motley crew of youth in a forested area and provide them with paramilitary training with the intention of causing havoc pursuant to a social or political agenda.

Importantly, in such 'peaceful' societies, it is broadly considered taboo to engage in certain behaviours that endanger the State, or threaten the enjoyment of life by the common citizen.

Now, juxtapose these realities against what happens in our society.

It is very common to find respected leaders threatening individuals or even whole communities with death and destruction due to some perceived slight.

We even have an accepted parlance in this country about 'host communities' (or 'locals') and 'foreigners'.

Whole geographical areas have been mapped out to exclusively belong to certain

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Our need to be reminded to maintain peace in our communities is evidence of a significant national breakdown of law and order”

Sorry state: The fact that we need signs to remind us we should coexist shows we are a country that has little regard to law and order

ethnic groups, and those not thought to be 'local' are considered 'foreigners' no matter how long their families live there.

Our political organisation is actually based on tribal alliances, making general elections pointless when one has access to national census statistics. All one needs to acquire is the status or endorsement of the respective tribal chieftains, and the election becomes a formality.

The election campaigns are often turned into ethnic supremacy contests, and whole peoples are often urged to 'vote with the locals' or else face the music.

It seems to me, therefore, that our need to be reminded to maintain peace is evidence of a significant national breakdown of law and order, and requires a change of focus from 'peace-building' to law enforcement in order to safeguard national integrity.

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BUSINESS



MORE CORPOARTE DISTRESS

Four things will make the difference between a business sinking or surviving: Corporate governance, pride, strategy and customer bonding. **P.32**

TURBULENCE | This is the third year in a row that the airline has posted massive losses

Aviation chief upbeat Kenya Airways will weather storm

Measures being taken to put national carrier back on profitable path outlined during a meeting with senate committee

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National carrier Kenya Airways is technically sound despite the financial crisis it faces according to the Kenya Civil Aviation Authority.

The Authority said that the airline is undergoing a five-phase recertification process that started way back in 2008, to ensure it complies with the updated civil aviation regulations before its licence of operation is renewed.

"We are recertifying all aircraft operators in the country to ensure compliance to the Civil Aviation Act 2013. This is not something unique with Kenya Airways," the authority's Director General Gilbert Kibe told a senate committee, on Thursday.

The committee chaired by Kisumu Senator, Prof Anyang' Nyong'o was specially constituted in July to investigate the airline's dismal performance that culminated to a declaration of a Sh26 billion loss.

At the moment, he added, they are flying on a valid air service licence that expires on March 21, 2016 and an active commercial operation certificate that expires in October 31, this year.

Mr Kibe told the committee that KQ is at stage four of the process that ensures the airline meets the set international safety standards.

"The scrutiny takes long due to its complex nature and the manpower required. Though few, we have com-

petent officers to perform surveillance on KQ. At the moment, we are satisfied that KQ is technically competent to operate," Mr Kibe told the committee.

The committee raised concern over breach of the law supposed to guide the appointment of airline bosses.

The Civil Aviation Act specifies that the airlines accounting manager must have a background in the management of commercial air transport.

"These are not our words. We are interrogating facts to establish if failure to comply might have contributed to the current mess that threatens the future of the country's national flag carrier," Mr Mutula Kilonzo Jnr said.

Mr Kilonzo said the law cannot be overlooked because it is crafted to seal loopholes and enhance service delivery.

The committee said that cases of managerial flaws particularly on financial matter only emerge after those who are at the helm leave.

In some situations, the retiring bosses have had a hand in identifying their successors and many prefer a senior employee within the company, on grounds that he understands the organisation better than a newcomer.

Among the companies that insiders have taken over from retiring CEOs include the Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA), the troubled Mumias Sugar Company and Kenya Airways.

At KRA, Mr John Njiraini replaced Mr Michael Waweru as the Commissioner General, whereas in Mumias Sugar, Nairobi Governor, Dr Evans Kidero handed over the mantle to then Financial Director Peter Kebati.



DEAL

Controversial shareholding

■ Senate committee called for the review of KQ/KLM pact saying the agreement had contributed to the massive losses for the national carrier.

■ The government has a 29.8pc stake in the company. KLM has a shareholding of 26.73pc, Foreign National 16.58p leaving Kenyans with a 26.89 per cent.

■ They said it is unfortunate that the 47 aircrafts that Kenyans are proud of are not wholly owned by KQ.

The current KQ boss, Mr Mbuvi Ngunze, served as the airline's chief operating officer. Whereas the taxman is performing well, the rest are struggling to remain afloat.

But KCAA management defended both the former and the current CEO.

"KCAA has accepted them as qualified accountable managers after demonstrating that they have complied with the

Kenya Airways CEO Mbuvi Ngunze and Group finance director Alex Mbugua (left) presenting the airline's results on July 30

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management and civil aviation regulations required to ensure safety of operations," Mr Kibe said.

Head of Flight Operations Raphael King'ori's told the committee that the Act was not in place when Mr Naikuni assumed office and the recruitment procedures were not as strict as they are now.

"Then, regulations were not as structured as they are now. The air navigation regulations did not give specific qualification for the position," Mr King'ori said prompting the committee to demand that he provides the qualifications that were used.

Mr Kilonzo said the country is obliged to comply with international conventions on air transport safety, which includes settling on the right cadre of managers to ensure the safety of operations are not compromised.

Prof Nyong'o said the country cannot rely on regulations that are inferior to the international obligations. "We may have a case of flamboyant

people who have performed but one day something happens and we discover that we have been living a lie," he said.

He said a board chairman, can bank on his experience to steer a company to prosperity but a CEO should be qualified for the job.

"We can have cooks, bankers and the rest in boards but, the work of the CEO is clearly cut out and filling this crucial position cannot be subjected to discretion. The loss that the company has declared is not something that can happen overnight," Prof Nyong'o said.

But KCAA chairman Samuel Poghisio defended the board saying economic oversight is an important duty that they play.

"Initially, boards had limited powers yet the management heavily relies on their resolutions to make pertinent decisions. We must achieve international standards because there is no airline that is just Kenyan," said Mr Poghisio.

New Mumias boss to focus on winning back farmers

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Incoming Mumias Sugar CEO Errol Johnston has exuded confidence in leading the transformation of the cash-strapped miller.

He said he will employ a turnaround strategy that will see the miller regain its foothold in the sector.

However, the new boss, in his address on Friday evening during the hand-over ceremony, said his priority was to address long term issues which have plagued the miller for the last two years, crippling operations.

Mr Johnston, an Australian, returns to the company having reported successes during his reign between 1998 and 2001.

Board chairman Dan Ameyo said he was considered for his vast experience in the sugar industry.

Mr Johnston said on Friday his priority will be to win back the confidence of sugarcane farmers to ensure a steady supply of raw material when the factory resumes

1998

Mr Johnston was Mumias Sugar's chief executive officer between 1988 and 2001.

crushing. The company is closed for maintenance works.

"We have a strong board and our turnaround strategy is enjoying strong support from the government; financial partners and other key stakeholders. We are confident about reviving Mumias Sugar as planned," said Mr Johnston who replaces Mr Coutts Otolu.

Mr Johnston said farmers whose accounts had been verified had been paid their outstanding debt from the Sh1 billion bailout cash presented by the government in June.

Mr Ameyo said the board was grateful to the outgoing CEO for doing his best at the company despite the difficult times.

"He has performed very well despite the difficult circumstances Mumias Sugar is going through," said Mr Ameyo.

He said positions of the new management team had been competitively filled.

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Number of aircrafts that Kenya Airways owns.

This week's indicators

MARKET PERFORMANCE

Points	NSE 20	Index
Close	4,496.23	1
Week's change:	Up 81.14 points	

TOP GAINERS

	Price	%
Kenya Airways	6.00	14.29
FTG Holdings	7.95	13.57
Sasini	17.85	10.87

BIGGEST LOSERS

	Price	%
B.O.C Kenya	117.00	-10.00
Marshall's	10.80	-10.00
Eveready	3.55	-8.97

TOP TRADERS

	Price(sh)	Shares(m)
Safaricom	15.00	46m
Kenya Airways	6.00	12m
KCB	47.50	8m

MARKET TURNOVER

	Friday	Prev
Equity	2.99bn;	6.16bn
Bond	1.7bn;	9.11bn

MACRO INDICATORS

Interest rates: Latest (%)

91-day 11.496% 20/08/2015

182-day 11.900% 19/08/2015

Compiled by Joshua Masinde

CAVEAT | Complexities of local business landscape could see many global brands flop

Contract row dampens entry of French retailer Carrefour

Sh1.4 million tussle with local suppliers points to a wider problem that global brands face in Kenya

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Just a month to the opening of French supermarket Carrefour, the chain appears to have run into headwinds peculiar to the Kenyan business landscape.

The supermarket will be the anchor tenant at Two Rivers Mall in Runda, Nairobi. But last week it sparked controversy after some suppliers declined to sign contracts, citing restrictive conditions.

The Kenya Association of Suppliers is opposed to a requirement that all suppliers pay a non-refundable Sh1.4 million fee and commit to paying monthly rebates to do business with the firm.

Such payments — referred to as pay-to-stay and listing fees — are charged by supermarkets in the US and Europe upfront to gauge a supplier's seriousness. The money also acts as security to the supermarket in case a supplier's product fails to sell.

These conditions could lock out potential suppliers and derail the supermarket's smooth entry into Kenya. The scenario points to a wider problem that global brands in Kenya are facing, as the country becomes increasingly appealing to foreign investment.

Attracted by the rising number of cash-rich consumers, Kenya's centrality in Africa, developments in real estate and massive investment in infrastructure, globally acclaimed brands are setting up shop.

Carrefour will be the latest in a year that has seen Uber, an American taxi company, and South Africa's Game supermarket set up shop.

Botswana's Choppies supermarket is also in talks to acquire Ukwala supermarket



BUY-OUTS

SA entities change strategy to survive

■ South African firms have had the highest failures in Kenya, and they now appear to be changing strategy by entering the market through buyouts.

■ For example, Liberty Group through Stanlib are negotiating the purchase of Greenspan Mall in Nairobi's Donholm Estate.

■ Gateway Insurance has been bought out by Pan African Insurance; Access Kenya by Dimension Data; and Cannon Assurance by Metropolitan of SA.

while American food chain McDonalds is reportedly keen on Kenya.

But some big names have in the past closed their shops in Kenya. These include South Africa's cinema company NuMetro and fast food giant Nandos.

South Africa's Media 24, which published *Drum*, *True Love*, *Adam* and *Twende* magazines in Kenya, also folded after failing to get a foothold. Kenyan editions of *Drum* and *True Love* are still in circulation, owing to an arrangement with a local publisher.

A similar fate befell India's Essar and its yu Mobile brand.

Although the international companies exited for various reasons, some appear to have failed to adapt to the

local business environment. Analysts warn that despite Kenya's attractiveness as an investment destination, the demands and complexities of local business could see many global brands flounder unless they adopt.

"Unlike many African markets, Kenya's business environment has matured and already has laid-down procedures. Any company that tries to dictate to the market what it thinks is correct will not survive," said Mr Ronald Lugalia, an investment analyst for Africa Investment Bank.

To conform to strict regulations in their parent countries while at the same time maintaining a standard quality in Kenya, is a delicate balance many global brands are unable to strike. This adds to overall running costs while reducing profit margins.

Take American food chain KFC: It imports 37 per cent of its food supplies. These include potatoes from Egypt and cheese from South Africa. The potatoes are precooked and frozen before shipping.

This is because local suppliers are said to have been unable to conform to the standards set by a food safety law in the US that requires firm to trace a sample

of their food to its source.

"KFC demands all suppliers to adhere to international standards. The standard, taste and quality of any meal that you eat here is the same one that you will eat at a KFC in New York or New Delhi," said country general manager Justin Melvin.

But the food giant recently introduced *ugali* to the menu of its Kenyan restaurants in an attempt to adapt.

And last month, Uber allowed cash and M-Pesa payments on its taxis in Nairobi. Initially, the company allowed only credit card payments for the first six months in Kenya — a tricky strategy for a country with low credit card holders.

"In Kenya, we noted that cash is the prevalent form of payment. We also noticed the popularity of mobile money. Therefore, we adapted our payment options," said Mr Mwambu Wanendeya, the firm's Africa communications boss.

After the success of cash payments in Hyderabad, India, and Nairobi, Uber — which runs in over 60 cities globally, despite opposition from taxi operators — has expanded cash payments to five more cities.

SULEIMAN MBATIAH | NATION

Centum chairman Chris Kirubi (left) with chief executive James Mworira and MAF Retail-Carrefour officials after signing a lease deal for the French retailer to take up space at Two Rivers Centre in Runda in Nairobi last October.

Why property owners are opting for fractional sale of offices in Nairobi

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More property developers are opting to sell their office blocks in fractions as opposed to renting them as it increasingly gets harder to get tenants.

This is as the effects of a glut start kicking in due to an oversupply resulting from a prolonged surge to construct office blocks which has made the sector to hit an early peaking phase.

At this stage, supply exceeds demand and unable to recoup their investment developers are opting to sell their buildings in parts. This is because selling the buildings as a whole is thought to be even harder.

Most affected are developers of grade B offices. This is as prospective tenants are opting for Grade A offices which charge higher rents but have a definite presence and provide more amenities like adequate parking space.

The internationally accepted parking ratio for 'Grade A' offices is four square feet for every 1,000 square feet but very few buildings in Nairobi meet this demand due to the high cost of acquiring land.

In Westlands near the Sarit Centre newly constructed Kisasa Gardens is selling its offices at Sh14,000 per square foot. Nearby, another office block is up for sale in bits for Sh14,500 per square foot on Lantana road.

Across the road, The Address which is yet to be completed Sh12,500 per square foot is selling its offices at Sh12,500. In that area alone about a dozen offices are up for sale in Fractions.

In Kilimani, Sifa Towers which was also completed recently is selling its offices in fractions while along Ngong road, the Kings Prism which will be completed in 2016 has also announced fractional sale of its offices in advance.

Wilson Warui, a property agent involved in the fractional sale of offices says it all depends on the choice of the client.

"The choice to buy or rent an office depends on where the client wants to work from and his budget," he says.

"A company wishing to settle somewhere permanently would rather purchase upfront and

forget paying rent but if you will not stay there for long, you can rent," he says.

A report on Thursday last week by Mentor Management Limited (MML) says leasing which has been the most popular method of recouping investment by office developers is facing serious competition from fractional sales.

"The leasing segment has been dominating the Nairobi office market over the past five years however, the fractional sales market is gaining traction with total office space available for sale expected to increase by more than 100 per cent in 2015 from 0.56m square feet



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The leasing segment has been dominating the office market over the past five years but, the fractional sales market is gaining traction”

- Mentor Management chief James Hoddell

in 2014 to an estimated 1.6m square feet in 2015," says the 'Focus on Fractional Office Sales 2015' report.

Offices in Kilimani and on Ngong Road have the highest selling price per square foot according to the report with offices going for Sh18,000 per square foot. The prices range from a low of Sh9,000 in Westlands to Sh16,000 along Waiyaki Way per square foot according to the report.

There are nine office nodes in Nairobi- Westlands, CBD, Waiyaki way, Upper Hill, Kilimani and Ngong road, Mombasa road, Gigiri and Limuru road, Karen and Thika road.

Residents decry slow pace of dam projects

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Residents of Kieni in Nyeri County are concerned over delays in commencement of a plan to build irrigation dams.

The proposed eight mega dams are meant to curb food insecurity occasioned by poor rainfall and human-wildlife conflict. Marauding elephants and other animals from Mt Kenya and Aberdare forests frequently invade farms

and destroy crops.

The residents said the government announced it would construct the dams more than four years ago. When crops fail, most residents rely on relief food.

"This area has a big potential for vegetables and fruits. We want to take advantage of these dams and empower ourselves, instead of relying mainly on insecure quarry work in Mandera County," said Mr Richard Waithaka, a youth leader from Kieni East sub-county.

"If the dams are constructed, we will realise 5,000 to 20,000 jobs in this area," he said.

Both the county and the national governments say the dams are key projects.

The feasibility study for the dams was completed over three years ago, and Nyeri Governor Nderitu Gachagua says they are trying to negotiate for funding.

Local leaders Kanini Kega (Kieni MP) and Kabando wa Kabando (Mukurwe-ini MP) have raised concerns over the

slow pace of the project.

In 2012, the government through the Ministry of Water and Irrigation said it would launch a Sh8 billion irrigation plan in the area. By September 2012, about Sh34 million had been released for a feasibility study report, which was forwarded to the Irrigation Board on completion.

The proposed dams are Kamburaini, Ngare Ngiro, Naromoru, Karemuni, Waiwa, Tinga and Chania, to be constructed on local rivers.



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The Pavilion Building situated on Lower Kabete Road in Nairobi. Limited amenities like parking prevalent in the CBD is seen as a major reason for the flight to other areas.

SUNNY DAY | Sunny Bindra

There may be more corporate distress to come



Caution: Four things will make the difference between sinking and surviving: Corporate governance, pride, strategy and customer bonding

For years now, I have been warning of many a corporate collapse to come, on this page and elsewhere. We have been seeing unprecedented speed of change in technology; the far-reaching impact of demographics; and gradual handover of power from producers to consumers.

Globally, many a dominant company has been laid low. Japan's giant Sony corporation has struggled to make a profit for years, and its peers like Toshiba, JVC, Sharp and Panasonic have faded fast. Britain's Tesco and Marks & Spencer, icons of the retail trade, are in perpetual turnaround mode these days. America's technology giants such as Microsoft, IBM and HP are having to reinvent their business models. Big global banks are perpetually announcing more layoffs and continual cullings of their executive suites.

Kenyan corporations will also not be spared; many who have enjoyed bumper profits for years, helped by a burgeoning spending class and consumer society. A rising tide will not lift all the boats — just the ones without holes. And I fear the holes in many will now become apparent. We are going to encounter a number of high-profile cases of bailout and restructuring in the months and years to come.

Look at the business environment right now: Interest rates are rising dramatically; the shilling is on a slippery slope.

Many will be squeezed until the pips squeak.

But do not be fooled that those who tumble will be laid low by external factors. Corporations, it is said, are rarely killed; they usually commit suicide. As such, there are four key reasons why there's still trouble to come.

First, too many of our companies only pay lip service to corporate governance. We appoint boards simply because the law requires them, not because we are serious about prudent management of company affairs.

There are way too many puppet chairs and regal CEOs around, and not enough proper control mechanisms. Look at the many corporations showing distress; the reckless and dubious deals say it all. Too many directors are asleep at the wheel, offering neither navigation nor

control, merely collecting meeting allowances.

Second, there is the problem of hubris. For many a corporate titan, a few years of rising profits seem to be enough to convince him that he is superhuman, an unprecedented business genius. There are not enough of us able to have the humility to recognise the role of luck and serendipity in our success. This is very dangerous, for those who cannot see their own flaws will not see the need for help when trouble strikes. They will persist with 'plan A' even when it is hopelessly out of date. They will look for scapegoats everywhere except in the mirror.

The third problem is that of strategy. Way too many of our companies simply don't have a strategy. They have business plans, sure, but a true strategy is different. A strategy forces you

to focus on what is distinctive, not what is par for the course. Standout companies, those who have unique business models and unusual ways of doing things, are truly rare. And when the going gets tough in an industry, those who were simply mimicking the rest are the first to get caught out.

The final and most lethal weakness: Customer bonding. I am fond of saying: If your customer loves you, no competitor can harm you. But when I look around, I see precious little love between customer and provider. The bonds are weak, and they are limited to the transactional. Few companies have been able to build emotional goodwill with their customers. When that is the case, a better deal is usually enough to sway the customer. Fickle bonds with customers will cost many their businesses.

Technology, particularly mobile computing, is blowing through many an industry. Equally, a very young, always-connected, non-docile workforce and customer base will upset many an apple cart. To cope, your business needs to be many things: Protected against scandal and scamming; shielded from big egos and quixotic initiatives; different from the competing pack in special, innovative ways; and in a proper relationship with its customers.

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Managers during a tense board meeting. Given the prevailing market conditions, companies will have to change tack to remain profitable.

TECHNOLOGY | Sam Wambugu

This is what to do to get a head-turning selfie



Avoid this: If you hold the camera too close to your head you might experience some lens distortion, making your face and features look wider than they really are

Selfie has become so popular that it was named the word of the year for 2013 by the Oxford Dictionary, which defines it as a self-portrait that is typically taken with a smartphone camera and posted to social media like Instagram, Twitter and Facebook.

In fact it's becoming an ever more competitive aspect of smartphone creation, with some handsets specifically billed as selfie phones and even those which aren't, often feel the need to compete in that area.

While the rear cameras still tend to be better than front-facing ones on phones, a growing number of handsets have impressive selfie snappers, in many cases packing in a whole lot of megapixels, wide angle lenses, a flash and editing tools to help you take the best selfie possible.

Luckily, device makers are finally starting to cotton on to the fact that the selfie is the most important form of self-expression available to the modern phone-using public.

Chinese firm Huawei knows exactly what the selfie crowd needs: more megapixels!

The Huawei Ascend P7 packs an 8MPi snapper onto its face so you can see every pore and wrinkle on its 1080p screen as

you make faces that resemble various animals.

HTC has gone and pushed the selfie boat out with the Desire Eye. This is a phone which not only has a 13 megapixel rear camera but also a 13 megapixel front-facing camera.

That front-facing snapper has a dual-LED flash, an HDR mode and an autofocus, making it both a complete phone and a complete camera.

Of course HTC has made the most of its powerful selfie camera by packing in some powerful selfie tools as well, such as split selfies, which let you take a photo of both you and the person you're looking at by using both cameras at once.



If you pay attention to the phone market then you've no doubt heard a lot about the Samsung Galaxy Note 4, but have you heard that it's a superior selfie-taker in addition to being a viciously good phablet?

The Note 4's selfie appeal is twofold: Firstly, it lets you tap on the rear-mounted heart rate sensor to take a photo with the front camera, rather than requiring you twist your thumb around to the front button.

The Nokia Lumia 735 was also billed as a selfie phone. That said, this is a mid-range option is still not quite a match for some of the high-end selfie shooters, but if you're on a budget, it's a strong choice.

With a 5 megapixel front-facing snapper, it's well equipped to take selfies.

To get the best possible selfie shot out of a smartphone, use the higher resolution back-facing camera. If you are using the front camera, which is handy for getting the exact framing you want, make sure you tear your eyes off yourself long enough to look into the lens for the photo.

If you hold the camera too close to your head you might experience some lens distortion, making your face and features look wider than they really are.

The further away the camera can be from someone's arms, head, or midsection, the more flattering the image. It also allows you to get more of your surroundings in the shot. To achieve this, you need to have a selfie stick. Its long arm helps you achieve a great shot.

Holding the camera high and pointing it down makes you look slimmer. But not too high, or you'll have a bobble head. But based on what you want in the background, you may have to move the camera around a little to get the background you want.

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Import firm seeks Sh92m over wheat deal reversal

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A firm that won a government tender to supply wheat seven years ago has threatened to sue after the deal was cancelled through an oral declaration by then Agriculture minister William Ruto.

Sakijo International estimates it lost Sh92 million in the deal. The company has written to Attorney General Githu Muigai asking to be refunded Sh841,000 paid to the government for the successful bid to import wheat from Egypt, losses made from contractual obligations the company had entered into, and interest.

Mr Kimathi Munjuri, a director of Sakijo International, says the company successfully bid to import 9,200 tonnes of wheat to cover a shortfall in Kenya while the other successful bidder was to bring in 8,000 tonnes.

But after applying for a loan to facilitate the importation, and on securing a supplier in Egypt, on September 28, 2008, Mr Ruto — then Eldoret North MP and now Deputy President — declared in a public meeting that he had banned wheat imports.

“

The State misrepresented itself to those who paid the wheat licence fees,”

Mwenda Kaumbuthu, Sakijo International's lawyer

Mrs Sicily Kariuki, the Agriculture principal secretary, acknowledged that the ministry has received Mr Munjuri's complaint.

She said that the tendering money could ordinarily not have been put to any other use, adding that the ministry is duty-bound to refund him if it is proved that he made the deposit as per the specified procedures.

“For a ministry that has a lot to handle, some matters can slip off our fingers; but I have seen such matters get resolved.

“I will require some time for the system to provide the information needed ... We have not told him we will not pay,” she said.

The company's lawyer, Mr Mwenda Kaumbuthu, said his clients were entitled to damages due to the way the deal was purportedly cancelled.

Despite having all the documents allowing the importation, the announcement was the start of what Mr Munjuri and his lawyers say have been “seven frustrating years”.

“Our client has suffered loss due to your acts and, as if the foregoing is not enough, the ministry of Agriculture has ignored or failed to make good our client's demands,” says the firm's lawyers in a letter to the AG dated April this year.

Following the letter, in May, the AG's office wrote to Ms Sicily Kariuki, the Agriculture Principal Secretary, asking for details on the matter.



PUBLIC TENDERS

NATIONAL

Kenya Agricultural and Livestock Research Organisation (Kalri)

1) Road work (tarmacking of 2.5km road) at Veterinary Research Institute in Muguga.
2) Partitioning of office and construction of car park shades at Sugar Research Institute in Kisumu.
Deadline: 21/8/2015
More information: www.kalro.org or www.supplier.treasury.go.ke

Kenya Power

1) Supply of miniature circuit breakers
Deadline: 27/8/2015
Reserved for youths, women and persons with disabilities
2) Supply of connector bimetal lugs, earth rods, adaptor ball clevis and insulator tapes
Deadline: 27/8/2015
Reserved for youths, women and persons with disabilities
3) Prequalification of insurance brokerage firms
Deadline: 27/8/2015
4) Proposed renovation and refurbishment of Ruiru godown.
Deadline: 8/9/2015
More information: www.kplc.co.ke

Kenya National Highways Authority

Maintenance of roads for financial year 2015/2016
Deadline: 4/9/2015
More information: www.kenha.co.ke and supplier.treasury.go.ke

Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries

Supply of two brand new 4WD station wagons for Department of Livestock, Directorate of Veterinary Services
Deadline: 17/9/2015
More information: www.kilimo.go.ke and www.supplier.treasury.go.ke

Kenya Urban Roads Authority (Kura)

1) Repair and maintenance of ICT equipment for Kura offices
2) Supply and installation of car tracking system
3) Consultancy for development and implementation of enterprise risk management framework
Deposit in tender box on first floor, IKM Place, 1st Floor, 5th Ngong Avenue, off Ngong Road, Nairobi
Deadline: 28/8/2015

Kenya Marine and Fisheries Research Institute

Environmental and social impact assessment for proposed floating jetty, 100 metres long by 2.8 metres wide, and related structures that include curio shops, restaurant, ablution block and associated external works and services in Shimoni, Kwale
Director, Silos Road, English Point – Mkomani, Mombasa; consultancies@kmfri.co.ke (copy info@kcdp.co.ke); or deposit in tender box next to office of chief supplies officer, institute's headquarters
Deadline: 28/8/2015

Masinde Muliro University

Consultancy for forensic audit
Vice Chancellor, PO Box 190, Kakamega 50100; or deposit in tender box outside vice chancellor's office, main campus
Deadline: 25/8/2015

Ministry of Water and Irrigation

Procurement of six double-cab pickups (4x4, LWB. 2400-3000cc, diesel)
Project Manager, Kenya Water Security and Climate Resilience Program, room 453/456, fourth floor, Maji House, Ngong Road, PO Box 49720, Nairobi 00100 – deposit in tender box on ground floor of same building
Deadline: 16/9/2015

Ministry of Education, Science and Technology

Erection and completion of twin workshop, classrooms and offices block (2 storeys) for Technical Training Institute in Mumias East, Kakamega. Take application documents to office of head of institute
Deadline: 8/9/2015

Ministry of Land, Housing and Urban Development

Implementation of housing units and associated

amenities within Nairobi City County under public-private partnership contractual agreement (construction of 2,000 housing units on 11.5 acres in Shauri Moyo
Principal Secretary, PO Box 30450, Nairobi 00100 – deposit in tender box on sixth floor, Ardh House, 1st Ngong Avenue

More information: www.ardhi.go.ke
Deadline: 10/9/2015

Kenya Rural Roads Authority

Construction of Muti Bridge along Kisiki-Makutano-Kiwanza (Uncl) road in Yatta, Machakos
Deadline: 31/8/2015
More information: supplier.treasury.go.ke and/or www.kerra.go.ke

Coast Water Services Board

Augmentation of Baricho well field and electromechanical works, Baricho immediate works – lot 1
Deadline: 11/9/2015

Lapsset Corridor Development Authority

Consultancy on strategic environmental assessment for the Lapsset infrastructure corridor
Director General / CEO, PO Box 45008, Nairobi 00100; or deposit in tender box at LAPSET Corridor Development Authority on second floor, Chester House, Koinange Street
Deadline: 28/8/2015
More information: www.lapssetgo.ke or www.supplier.treasury.go.ke

Sigalagala Polytechnic

Tenders for provision of:
1) Legal services
2) Hotel services
3) Canteen services
4) Travel/booking services
Deadline: 27/8/2015

National Communications Secretariat

Printing of audited financial statements for National Communications Secretariat for year 2013/14
Deadline: 25/8/2015

Kenya Power

1) Supply of pole-mounted boxes (framework contract)
Apply through the KPLC e-procurement web portal at www.kplc.co.ke
Deadline: 9/9/2015
2) Procurement of emergency restoration towers
Deadline: 25/8/2015
3) Provision of air travel and related services
Deadline: 27/8/2015.

More information: kenyapower.co.ke

Kenya Maritime Authority (KMA)

Purchase of parcels of land
Ag. Director General, PO Box 95076, Mombasa 80104 – deposit in tender box at reception, KMA headquarters, next to MSC building
Deadline: 28/8/2015
Youths, women and persons with disabilities encouraged to apply
More information: www.kma.go.ke

Kenya Tea Development Agency (KTDA)

Construction of Kapkatet Tea Factory at Tebesonik site in Kericho county
Managing Director, KTDA Farmers Building, Nairobi – deposit in tender box at reception, ground floor, KTDA Farmers Building, and Moi Avenue
Deadline: 1/9/2015

Athi Water Services Board

Construction of community water project in Ruiru
Athi Water Services Board, third floor, Africa Re Centre, Hospital Road, Upper Hill, PO Box 45283, Nairobi 00100
Deadline: 28/8/2015
Kenya Dairy Board
Provision of general insurance cover
Managing Director, PO Box 30406, Nairobi 00100 – deposit in tender box on 10th floor, Block A, Eastern Wing, NSSF
Deadline: 21/8/15
More information: www.kdb.co.ke

CDF Committee, Kikuyu Constituency

Supply of general equipment, furniture and fittings
Fund Account Manager, PO Box 167, Kikuyu 00902
Deadline: 21/8/2015
Reserved for youths, women and persons with disabilities

National Oil Corporation of Kenya

Provision of transportation for bulk LPG
Chief Executive Officer, seventh floor, AON Minet House, Mamlaka Road, off Nyerere Road, PO Box 58567, Nairobi 00200 – deposit in tender box on fifth floor of same building
Deadline: 24/8/2015
More information: www.nationaloil.co.ke

Technical University of Mombasa

Supply and installation of furniture and assorted furniture accessories
Vice Chancellor, PO Box 90420, Mombasa 80100; or deposit in tender box at supply chain department
Deadline: 21/8/2015

Kenya Wildlife Service

Proposed renovation of tourism facilities at old campsite, Marsabit National Reserve (package 2)
Deadline: 3/9/2015
More information: www.kws.go.ke

CDF Committee, Kikuyu Constituency

1) Repair and maintenance of office equipment
Fund Account Manager, PO Box 167, Kikuyu 00902
Deadline: 21/8/2015
2) Supply of general office stationery
Deadline: 21/8/2015
3) Supply of design and printing services
Deadline: 21/8/2015.
4) Supply of newspapers and periodicals
Deadline: 21/8/2015
All reserved for youths, women and persons with disabilities

Kenya Power

Supply of dry cargo freight containers
General Manager, Infrastructure Development, second floor, Stima Plaza, Kolobot Road, Parklands PO Box 30099, Nairobi 00100
Deadline: 3/9/2015
More information: kenyapower.co.ke and/or www.knbs.or.ke

Kenya National Highways Authority

Design review, tender documentation, construction supervision and contract administration for upgrade of regional Mombasa Port road access project: Kwa Jomvu – Mariakani section (30.4km)
Secretary/Tender Committee, first floor, Blue Shield Towers, Upper Hill, PO Box 49712, Nairobi.
Deadline: 21/8/2015

Kenya Maritime Authority (KMA)

Provision of insurance brokerage services (group medical, group personal accident, group life, corporate travel, fire and perils, burglary and theft, computers and electronic office equipment – public liability, and fidelity guarantee)
Ag. Director General, PO Box 95076, Mombasa 80104 – deposit in tender box at reception, KMA headquarters, next to MSC building
Deadline: 28/8/2015
Youths, women and persons with disabilities encouraged to apply
More information: www.kma.go.ke

Kenya Wildlife Service

Proposed renovation of rangers' houses at Marsabit National Reserve headquarters and Karare Gate (package 1)
Deadline: 3/9/2015
More information: www.kws.go.ke
National Oil Corporation of Kenya
Provision of transportation services for LPG cylinders and packaged lubricants
Chief Executive Officer, seventh floor, AON Minet House, Mamlaka Road, off Nyerere Road, PO Box 58567, Nairobi 00200 – deposit in tender box on fifth floor of same building.
Deadline: 24/8/2015
More information: www.nationaloil.co.ke

COUNTY

Kericho County Assembly

Provision of binding and printing services
Clerk, PO Box 1526, Kericho – deposit in tender box at Assembly (formerly County Council of Kipsigis)
Deadline: 17/8/2015
Reserved for persons with disabilities

Tana River County Government

Provision of medical cover for county government state officers and other public officers in executive
County Secretary, PO Box 29, Hola
Deadline: 17/8/2015
More information: www.tanariver.go.ke

Mandera County Assembly

1) Supply and delivery of cleaning material
Reserved for persons with disabilities
2) Supply and delivery of bottled drinking water, soda and other refreshments
Reserved for women
3) Supply and delivery of tyres, tubes and automotive batteries
Reserved for youths
4) Supply and delivery of office curtains and fittings
Reserved for women
5) Supply and delivery of newspapers and periodicals
Reserved for youths
6) Provision of Internet and telecommunication services, and installation and maintenance of ICT software and hardware and Hansard equipment
Reserved for youth
Deadline for all: 18/8/2015

Embu County Government

1) Consultancy for provision of material and technology for building roads (ARBM)
Send application documents to procurement@embu.go.ke
Deadline: 16/8/2015
2) Provision of ICT services
Deadline: 18/8/2015

County Government of Kakamega

Construction of gravel roads
Deadline: 21/8/2015
More information: www.kakamega.go.ke

County Assembly of Nyeri

Supply and delivery of goods and services for financial year 2015/2017
Clerk, PO Box 162, Nyeri 10100 – deposit in tender box at entrance, Block A, County Assembly
Deadline: 27/8/2015
Youth, women and persons with disabilities encouraged to apply

More information: www.nyeriassembly.go.ke

Kericho County Assembly

Supply and delivery of communication equipment
Clerk, PO Box 1526, Kericho – deposit in tender box at Assembly (formerly County Council of Kipsigis)
Deadline: 17/8/2015

Baringo County Assembly

1) Supply and delivery of general office stationery
2) Supply and delivery of detergents, disinfectants and insecticides
3) Supply and delivery of bottled water, beverages and soft drinks
4) Provision of sanitary and fumigation services
5) Provision of brandings printing services for T-shirts, caps, calendars, diaries, business cards, stickers and banners
6) Supply and delivery of electrical appliances and fittings and electronic equipment
7) Supply and delivery of newspapers
8) Supply and delivery of airtime and telephony
All applications to Clerk, Baringo County Assembly, PO Box 159, Kabarnet 30400
Deadline: 20/8/2015
All reserved for youth, women and persons with disabilities. More information: www.baringoassem.bly.go.ke

Machakos County Assembly

1) Supply and delivery of airtime (scratch cards)

Machakos County Assembly

2) Supply and delivery of cleaning materials
3) Supply and delivery of newspapers
4) Supply and delivery of bottled drinking water
5) Supply and delivery of computer stationery
6) Supply and delivery of general office stationery
7) Supply and delivery of electrical appliances and fittings and electronic equipment
All applications to Clerk of the County Assembly, PO Box 1168, Machakos 90100 – deposit in tender box at reception, County Assembly hall, Mwatu wa Ngoma Road
All reserved for youths, women and persons with disabilities
Deadline: 28/8/2015

Mandera County Government

1) Supply of general office supplies and computer accessories
Reserved for youth
2) Supply of newspapers and magazines
Reserved for the youth
3) Supply and delivery of accountable documents
Reserved for persons with disabilities
4) Supply and installation of air conditioners
Reserved for youth
5) Supply and delivery of chemicals for water treatment, cleaning material and disinfectants
Reserved for youth
6) Supply, installation and maintenance of firefighting equipment
Reserved for persons with disabilities
7) Supply and delivery of water dispenser, fridge and other coolant equipment
Reserved for persons with disabilities
8) Supply and delivery of office curtains and fittings
Reserved for women
9) Supply and delivery of sports items
Reserved for youths
10) Supply of animal feed/fodder
Reserved for persons with disabilities
11) Supply of fingerlings and fish feed
Reserved for persons with disabilities
12) Supply of vehicle servicing accessories such as oil and lubricants, oil and diesel filter and air cleaner
13) Supply of and petrol and diesel
Deadline for all: 20/8/2015
More information for all: www.mandera.go.ke

Tana River County Government

Provision of medical cover for county government state officers and other public officers in the executive
County Secretary, PO Box 29, Hola – deposit in tender box in front of county office block
Deadline: 17/8/2015
More information: www.tanariver.go.ke

Nairobi City County

Proposed construction of 40 ECDE centres in Nairobi county; Phase 1
County Secretary, PO Box 30075, Nairobi 00100 – Deposit in tender box outside procurement office, first floor, City Hall Annexe
Deadline: 21/8/2015

Uasin Gishu County Assembly

Provision of medical insurance scheme
Clerk, PO Box 100, Eldoret 30100 – deposit in tender box at Assembly's main entrance
Deadline: 20/8/2015

Kericho County Assembly

Supply of electrical items and appliances
Clerk, PO Box 1526, Kericho – deposit in tender box at Assembly (formerly County Council of Kipsigis)
Deadline: 17/8/2015
Reserved for persons with disabilities

WORLD

RESIDENTS IN CHINA BLAST
ZONE EVACUATED

People moved over fears of highly-poisonous sodium cyanide. **P.38**

NO END IN SIGHT | Agreement continues to elude world's newest nation

Hopes of final S. Sudan peace deal dim as rebel chiefs dump Machar

Former vice president accused of turning the movement into a 'family enterprise'

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South Sudan's hopes of reaching a long-term peace deal have been shattered following fresh disagreements among rebel commanders associated with former Vice-President Riek Machar.

In a terse statement released this week, some rebel chiefs accused Machar of turning the movement into "a family enterprise" and vowed to present their own demands at peace talks sponsored by regional bloc, the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (Igad).

"We appeal to the Igad-Plus group to adjourn this session so that we can develop our peace proposals and select our delegates to the talks," the rebels chiefs said on Wednesday.

"We reiterate our support for a peaceful solution to the conflict. However, any agreement that confirms President Salva Kiir and Dr Riek Machar as leaders of the transitional government of national unity shall not bring sustainable peace."

The declaration by senior leaders

August 17

Deadline that US President Barack Obama has proposed for deal to bring peace to South Sudan.

53pc

The proposed share of posts that President Kiir would retain in a transitional government

Gabriel Changson Chang, Gabriel Yoal Fok, Thomson Thoan Teny, Michael Mariew Dhuor and Timothy Tot Chol came just four days to the August 17 deadline declared by US President Barack Obama when he toured Kenya and Ethiopia late last month.

Obama gathered leaders or their representatives from Igad, which has been midwifing the talks since January 2014, a month after Machar and Kiir loyalist forces began fighting.

Last month, Igad published a Proposed Compromise Agreement which it said had been endorsed by both the African Union and the international community for a 30-month transition government before elections are held.

The proposals suggest that Kiir retains 53 per cent of posts, rebels take 33 per cent, former detainees 7 per cent and other political parties take seven. Kiir and Machar are to be co-principals in the transitional government.

Both sides initially rejected the proposals.

However, last week Igad leaders meeting in Kampala reached "Resolution of South Sudan Conflict" in which they proposed that no power sharing be allowed in South Sudan as suggested in the compromise agreement.

The Kampala Agreement seen by the *Sunday Nation* proposes to retain percentage power sharing but wants all South Sudan regional states to be run by governors who were there before the conflict in 2013.

President Uhuru Kenyatta, Yoweri Museveni of Uganda, Ethiopian Prime Minister Hailemariam Desalegn and Sudanese Foreign Minister Ibrahim Ghandour also agreed not to demilitarise Juba as had been proposed.

In turn, they agreed that the security arrangements in Juba will be determined by Kenya, Ethiopia, Sudan and Uganda after which soldiers from both Kiir and Machar's sides will be reintegrated into the South Sudanese army.

Sources told the *Sunday Nation* that the security situation was thought to be too fragile to be left in the hands of



FILE | AFP

Internally displaced women and children wait for their food rations after an airdrop by the World Food Programme in a small locality in Mayendit County last month. A peace agreement that will enable them to return to their homes is eluding the warring factions.

parties during the transition period.

The Kampala proposal did not give a time frame for integration but the split among rebels means the agreement may never be signed by August 17.

On Friday, Machar told the *Sunday Nation* he was unaware of a split but accused President Kiir's government of trying to woo the leaders to his side before.

"We have not received any official statement from those who claim to have split from us. We released the commanders so they could be redeployed to other assignments," James Gatdet, Machar's spokesman in Nairobi said.

"It would be very unfortunate if it were true because we expect to sign a peace agreement by next week and we don't want anyone to be left behind. We are open to negotiate with them if they have defected," he said.

Although Machar's side could not reveal reasons why the senior commanders would want out, Gatdet said the four could be "impatient" and may have been influenced by

the Juba government.

"Maybe they are angry because they have been relieved of their duties and cannot wait for redeployment. We have read statements that the government has been encouraging the split, perhaps to weaken us and maybe say we have no common position to bring on the negotiating table," he said.

Juba denied the claims when contacted and James P Morgan, the South Sudan Deputy Head of Mission in Nairobi, said the disagreements reflected the inability of Machar to be in charge of his group.

The tiff between Machar and his senior commanders began last month when he started replacing them from their military duties within the rebel movement, the South Sudan Liberation Movement-in Opposition (SPLM-IO).

Former Deputy Chief of General Staff for operations, Peter Gatdet Yaka, and former Deputy Chief of General Staff for logistics, Gathoth Gatkuoth, were "relieved" of their duties in July on Machar's orders.

IS jihadists behead 12 in battle for Libya's Sirte

TRIPOLI, Saturday

Islamic State group jihadists have beheaded 12 people and hung them on crosses during a battle for the coastal city of Sirte, the national news agency LANA reported Saturday.

The fighting for control of Sirte, home town of slain dictator Muammar Gaddafi, has been raging since Tuesday, with one top Libyan diplomat warning of a "massacre" in the city.

LANA said the 12 people beheaded

were local gunmen who had been battling IS in the eastern Sirte district known as "neighbourhood three".

The agency also reported that IS militants executed 22 other Sirte residents who had taken up arms against the jihadist group as they lay wounded in a city hospital. It said the jihadists also set the hospital on fire.

A Sirte city council official told AFP that clashes continued to rage on Saturday. "There is continuous fighting, especially in neighbourhood three,

and the casualty toll is rising," said the unnamed official.

Libya's ambassador to France, Chibani Abuhmoud, told AFP on Friday that fighting in Sirte had left between 150 and 200 dead.

"A real massacre is taking place, and we call on the international community to intervene," the diplomat said.

The ambassador answers to Libya's internationally recognised government, which has taken refuge in the east of the country and is in a power

struggle with a rival administration based in Tripoli.

Authorities in Tripoli announced on Tuesday the launch of an operation to liberate Sirte, 450km east of Tripoli.

Media loyal to the Tripoli authorities said warplanes were bombing armed groups linked to IS in Sirte.

The Libyan ambassador said the fighting erupted after IS earlier this week assassinated an influential imam from the powerful Al-Farjan tribe. (AFP)

Burundi's ex-army boss killed

BUJUMBURA, Saturday

The former head of Burundi's army during its 13-year civil war was assassinated Saturday, his family told AFP.

Colonel Jean Bikomagu, a key figure in the former Tutsi-dominated army, was gunned down in his car by unidentified assailants as he was about to enter his home in Kinindo, a southern district of the capital Bujumbura, a family member said.

His daughter was badly wounded, the source said.

The murder comes less than two weeks after the assassination of top general Adolphe Nshimirimana — widely seen as the country's de-facto internal security chief — in a rocket attack.

Nshimirimana, feared by many in the opposition, was seen as the right-hand man of President Pierre Nkurunziza, whose controversial re-election for a third term has caused months of unrest.

The day after the general's killing, civil rights activist Pierre-Claver Mbonimpa, who had repeatedly accused Nshimirimana of ordering the deaths of government opponents, was himself wounded in an assassination attempt.

He has since left the country for Belgium. (AFP)

Boko Haram man dies in bomb attack

KANO, Saturday

A suspected Boko Haram bomber was killed and a security guard wounded in a botched suicide attack on a crowded market in Borno state, vigilantes told AFP.

The attacker detonated his explosives at the entrance to the market when vigilantes insisted on searching him, they said.

"The bomber arrived at around 11:00 am and our men insisted on screening him as with every person going into the market but he just blew himself up," one of the vigilantes, Markus Yohana, told AFP.

Bitrus Damina, a local man who was at the market, confirmed the incident.

"There was an explosion which caused panic and (a) stampede and we later learnt it was a suicide bomber that blew himself up at the entrance after he refused to be searched," he said.

One vigilante was injured, he said.

Last month, Boko Haram attacked the nearby village of Dille, killing three vigilantes. (AFP)

POLITICS | Sleepless nights for Tanzania's independence party bigwigs

CCM finally faces serious opposition

Rival groups unite behind defector Lowassa in bid to remove ruling party

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Already tainted somehow by the controversy surrounding its nomination of a presidential candidate last month, Tanzania's ruling Chama Cha Mapinduzi (CCM) party is beginning to feel the heat for its perceived lack of transparency and internal democracy.

Having been in power since the country's independence in 1962, the party has also been seen by many as having become over-complacent because of its unbeaten record since its founding in 1977 after a rebranding of Tanu, the original independence party.

Further, the party's own bigwigs have been perceived as always making major decisions behind the scenes, deciding who rises to power and who is to be politically sidelined.

The party's top brass is known to include former presidents like Ben Mkapa, who preceded current President Jakaya Kikwete in power, and who has been accused of having used undue influence to ensure CCM nominated current Minister for Infrastructure John Pombe Magufuli as its presidential candidate.

Whereas in the past such nominations were guaranteed

to ensure the party's anointed romped into the presidency, things have been changing fast since last month's CCM nomination process.

Predictably, there have been allegations of favouritism, nepotism and oppression.

There were also allegations of manipulation and deviance from due process, with a view, it has been claimed, to sidelining certain candidates.

It was therefore just a matter of time before defections to the opposition by aggrieved politicians began.

The most dramatic one was that of former prime minister Edward Lowassa, who was allegedly specifically targeted for sidelining from the party's topmost ranks.

Soon after his defection, Mr Lowassa announced he would run for the presidency in the October general election on the Chadema party ticket.

That announcement was seen as setting the stage for a two-horse race for the presidency come October.

The new scenario would see Lowassa, who has now become the highest-ranking party member to join the opposition in 20 years, facing Magufuli.

Ironically, Lowassa in the past held high positions in the ruling CCM, including being a member of its national executive council (NEC) since

1962

The year Tanzania won independence with CCM forming the government



Tanzania President Jakaya Kikwete (left) congratulates John Magufuli last month after he was nominated the ruling Chama Cha Mapinduzi party's presidential candidate for the country's general election due in October. Magufuli is expected to face a stiff challenge in the race for the presidency from former prime minister Edward Lowassa, who defected to the opposition.

1990 and a party executive at district, regional and head of office levels from 1977 to 1989. He also chaired President Jakaya Kikwete's campaigns in 2005.

Given his robust political credentials, a gleeful Chadema has already confirmed that Mr Lowassa will now become its presidential candidate and subsequently the opposition coalition's joint candidate.

To that end, Lowassa was nominated by the political parties forming the Coalition of Wananchi Constitution (Ukawa) just eight days after defecting to Chadema on July 27.

The coalition comprises Chadema, the Civic United Front (CUF), NCCR-Mageuzi and NLD.

Now political analysts are reportedly of the view that the high-profile defection may usher in truly competitive two-party politics for the first time ever in Tanzania.

As for Chadema, it has in

recent times been exuding confidence that more CCM leaders and followers will cross over to the opposition following Mr Lowassa's move.

Hamstrung in the past by lack of financial and human resources, the opposition will be hoping that Mr Lowassa, who is a wealthy politician with key private sector connections, will bring funding and extra support to the opposition.

State House

Clearly, the CCM can no longer take his challenge to its candidate, Mr Magufuli, for granted, nor is the party expected to continue assuming that its candidate has, as in the past, a sure ticket to State House.

Not surprisingly, Lowassa's defection to the opposition soon after the CCM nominations was followed by that of yet another high-ranking government functionary, Deputy Minister for Labour

and Employment, Makongoro Mahanga.

The latter decamped from the ruling party in a huff, joining Chadema like Lowassa. The deputy minister quit the party several hours after he was defeated in his bid for re-election for a third term as MP for Segerea area.

Pointedly, Dr Mahanga became the first minister in the current government to jump ship and join Mr Lowassa. He was however not the first cabinet member to do so, as a precedent had been set in the early 90s.

That was when Augustine Lyatonga Mrema, the then highly visible minister for labour and employment and prominent CCM member, also resigned in a similar manner, leaving the CCM ranks in disarray.

Indicatively, Dr Mahanga told journalists that he was quitting CCM over a "witch-hunt" by a senior politician and government official he did not name.

BRIEFLY

FREETOWN

Joy as Ebola village quarantine lifted

A village in Sierra Leone has become one of the last areas in the country to be released from an Ebola quarantine. President Ernest Bai Koroma lifted the quarantine in person, sparking wild celebrations from the more than 500 people who had been isolated for three weeks. He said it was the beginning of the end for the Ebola outbreak in Sierra Leone. More than 11,000 people have died since the start of the outbreak in West Africa. A woman who gave birth three days into the quarantine told the BBC she now felt "happy and free". Being under quarantine with armed soldiers blocking anyone from going in or out of the village felt like living in "a real prison", one resident said. The village was put under quarantine after a visitor died from the virus, becoming the first case in the area for 150 days. (BBC)

NICOSIA

Militant group pledges allegiance to Al-Qaeda

The militant Al-Murabitoun group, which has claimed a string of deadly attacks in North Africa, has declared itself a branch of Al-Qaeda in a statement posted on jihadist websites. Al-Murabitoun said that the notorious Algerian militant Mokhtar Belmokhtar remained its leader, despite reports that he was killed in a US air strike in Libya in June. The statement dated July 17 says Al-Murabitoun is "Qaeda al-Jihad in West Africa" and committed to "directives" by network founder Osama bin Laden to attack the enemy "France and its allies". Belmokhtar, whose real name is Khaled Abu al-Abbas, allegedly masterminded the 2013 siege of an Algerian gas plant in which 38 hostages, mainly Westerners, were killed. An audio recording attributed to another leading member of Al-Murabitoun in May pledged allegiance to the Islamic State jihadist organisation. (AFP)

NIMEY

Four dead, 20,000 hit by Niger floods

At least four people have died and more than 20,000 have been affected by floods in Niger caused by weeks of heavy rain, the United Nations said Friday. The bad weather has destroyed 2,170 homes and flooded nearly 545 hectares of agricultural land, the UN's Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) said in a statement. Around 3,100 displaced victims are currently living in schools or have been taken in by host families, the agency said citing Niger's emergency civil protection services. The bad weather is showing no sign of abating as the rainy season continues in the impoverished sub-Saharan country, which has often faced severe food crises due to flooding or drought. Since late July, local media have reported repeated floods, particularly in central and southern Niger. (AFP)

Defence appeals death sentence for Egypt's Morsi

CAIRO, Saturday

The defence for ousted Egyptian president Mohamed Morsi filed an appeal against a death sentence and prison term for the Islamist former leader, a lawyer said on Saturday.

Morsi (left), who was toppled by the army in 2013, was sentenced to death in June for allegedly participating in prison breaks and violence against police, and to life in prison for espionage.

Morsi had been in prison at the start of the 2011 uprising against veteran leader Hosni Mubarak, and escaped along with thousands of others after protesters attacked police stations across the country.

"We submitted an appeal to the Court of Cassation to all prisoners sentenced, including Morsi," his

lawyer Abdel Moneim Abdel Maqsd told AFP.

Hundreds of Islamists have been sentenced to death in a crackdown following Morsi's overthrow. Most have won retrials.

Seven so far have been executed, including six defendants sentenced to death by a military court for allegedly participating in militant attacks.

Meanwhile, Egypt hit back Saturday at a call by Human Rights Watch for an international investigation into the killing of hundreds of protesters in Cairo by security forces two years ago.

The foreign ministry criticised the New York-based watchdog's report on the deaths of supporters of Morsi in Rabaa al-Adawiya Square as "politicised and lacking objectivity".

Egypt's government has defended

the dispersal as necessary to tackle armed "terrorists", and it brushed aside HRW's appeal for the UN Human Rights Council to set up an international commission of inquiry.

"The call for an investigation into the dispersal of the Rabaa sit-in is even more ludicrous because it is issued by an organisation that has never expressed interest in the soldiers, police and civilian victims of terrorism in Egypt," a foreign ministry statement said. "The organisation insists on ignoring the terrorist nature of the movement that it defends," it added, referring to Morsi's blacklisted Muslim Brotherhood.

At least 600 people were killed during the operation in Rabaa al-Adawiya Square on August 14, 2013, according to official figures. HRW says at least 800 died. (AFP)



DISASTER | Series of new blasts send a thick black column of smoke into the air

Residents in China blast zone evacuated as death toll hits 85

Decision comes three days after gigantic explosions sent a huge fireball soaring into the sky and left a vast swathe of destruction

TIANJIN, China

Residents around the site of giant chemical explosions in the Chinese port of Tianjin were evacuated Saturday over fears of highly-poisonous sodium cyanide, state media said, as fresh blasts were heard and the death toll rose to 85.

A days-long fire intensified at the hazardous goods storage facility and the series of new explosions sent a thick black column of smoke into the air, the official Xinhua news agency said.

The decision to relocate anyone within three kilometres of the site came three days after gigantic explosions sent a huge fireball soaring into the sky and left a vast swathe of destruction.

It also came despite official assurances that the disaster had not released dangerous levels of toxic substances into the environment.

“Residents in a relocation site of the blasts have been evacuated in fear of chemical pollutants in the air,” Xinhua said.

Armed police were carrying out the evacuation after sodium cyanide was found at the site, the Beijing News said.

At a barrier on the edge of the evacuation zone masks were distributed to emergency personnel and police turned back anyone else, as at least 20 fire engines streamed in.

The area itself was already largely deserted, many of the buildings within it ruined, and an acrid smell hung in the air.

One couple carrying suitcases confirmed from behind their masks only that they lived within it, before leaving.

Officials said earlier that specialists from sodium cyanide producers were being sent in to the devastated industrial area where the blasts occurred.

Reports have said there could have been as much as 700 tonnes of the substance — exposure to which can be fatal — at the site.

Soldiers trained in anti-chemical warfare techniques were also deployed.

Authorities have struggled to identify the substances present at the scene, sparking fears and scepticism among residents of Tianjin, which has a population of 15 million.



PHOTO | AFP

Firefighters work at the site of the explosions in Tianjin yesterday. Residents near the site were being evacuated over fears of toxic contamination, state media said.

At a news conference, Tianjin work safety official Gao Huaiyou listed a host of possible substances that may have been at the site at the time of the explosions.

Personnel from sodium cyanide producers had been called in “because they are experts on the chemical’s nature and the ways to deal with it,” he added.

A sewage pipe where the chemical had reportedly been detected had been sealed off, he said.

Authorities had repeatedly said beforehand that air quality in the city generally met requirements, although levels of some pollutants exceeded regulations.

Questions have also been raised over whether firefighters responding to an initial blaze at the warehouse could have contributed to the detonations by spraying water over substances that react explosively to it.

One senior official insisted firefighters had followed the proper procedures.

“We knew there was calcium carbide, but we don’t know whether the calcium carbide exploded and caught fire,” Lei Jinde, the head of the firefighting

department at Tianjin’s public security bureau, said in an interview published by Xinhua.

Lei said that the facility was also listed as holding ammonium nitrate and potassium nitrate.

There were 21 firefighters among the dead, authorities said, and 721 people had been hospitalised, 25 of whom were in critical condition.

China has a dismal industrial safety record and authorities have only released limited information about the accident, a criticism often levelled at Chinese officials in the aftermath of disasters.

Furious victims’ relatives rallied against officials outside a news conference Saturday for the lack of transparency and information.

“Nobody has told us anything, we’re in the dark, there is no news at all,” screamed one middle-aged woman, as she was dragged away by security personnel.

The *People’s Daily* said earlier that the facility’s construction “clearly violated” safety rules, in particular those that require warehouses stocking dangerous materials to be at least one kilometre from surrounding public

WHAT’S ALLEGED

Families’ fury over silence

Furious, frustrated and fearful, relatives of the missing besieged officials Saturday demanding answers on their loved ones’ fates — only for security to intervene instead.

Three days after vast explosions left scenes of utter devastation across an industrial zone in the northern Chinese city — and scores dead — a father said he had yet to hear from his firefighter son.

“We tried to call him as soon as we saw the explosions on television, but it’s been impossible to reach him,” said the man in his fifties, surnamed Liu, his voice trembling with emotion. “The authorities have not contacted us,” he said.

The man was among a dozen of relatives of the missing who were barred from a press conference authorities gave at a hotel on Saturday.

buildings and main roads.

“I would rather not believe they are true when I see a series of rumours, but the cruel reality has proved their authenticity,” Chinese director Yang Li, the winner of a Silver Bear at the 2013 Berlin Film Festival, wrote in a post on microblogging platform Sina Weibo.

“Why did they (the government) cover it up?” (AFP)

BRIEFLY

LONDON

Scottish Labour elect young star new leader

Britain’s centre-left Labour party in Scotland on Saturday elected 33-year-old Kezia Dugdale as its new leader as it seeks to rebuild after a humiliating defeat to nationalists in May’s general election. Dugdale, who has only been a Scottish MP for four years, beat veteran campaigner Ken Macintosh to replace Jim Murphy, who stepped down after his party lost all but one of their 41 seats to the pro-independence Scottish National Party (SNP), including his own seat on the outskirts of Glasgow. (AFP)

PARIS

Plucky heifer who fled from abattoir spared

A young cow that fled an abattoir to avoid being slaughtered has been saved by well-wishers, a French animal rights group announced on Saturday. The heifer made a last-ditch effort to save her life at an abattoir near Ambert, southeastern France, on June 30. The desperate animal rampaged through the building and got outside, taking refuge in the grounds of a nearby hospital. She was tranquilised with a dart gun — a move that gave her a stay of execution because the drug made her meat unfit for consumption. Dubbed “Cornette” (Little Horn) she became an Internet celebrity. (AFP)

JERUSALEM

Palestinian shot after stabbing Israeli soldier

Israeli troops shot and wounded a Palestinian man who had stabbed a soldier on Saturday near a checkpoint on a highway in the occupied West Bank, the army said. The military said both the soldier and suspected assailant, who was arrested, were lightly wounded. The incident took place near the “Bel” crossing on route 443, according to the military. Highway 443 is a major artery between Jerusalem and Tel Aviv, which cuts through the West Bank. On Sunday, a Palestinian from Khirbet al-Misbah was shot dead after stabbing and wounding an Israeli at a petrol station on the highway. (AFP)

WASHINGTON

Cop bragged of bonus from Ferguson protests

A St Louis police officer is being investigated after apparently bragging on Facebook about how he spent his “bonus” for working during recent protests in Ferguson, Missouri, the Guardian reported Friday. The officer, Todd J Bakula, apparently generated extra income while policing protests marking the first anniversary of the police shooting of black teen Michael Brown. That shooting set off weeks of unrest last year and became one of a series of high-profile deaths calling into question how US police officers interact with blacks. (AFP)

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Lei Jinde, the head of firefighting

Malaysia, China, Australia to ‘refine’ search efforts for MH370

KUALA LUMPUR, Saturday

Malaysia, China and Australia will meet in September to “refine” the search for Malaysia Airlines flight MH370 after part of the plane’s wing was discovered on an Indian Ocean island last month, more than a year on from its tragic disappearance.

On August 5, Malaysia’s prime minister Najib Razak said experts had “conclusively confirmed” that the

debris found on the French island of Reunion — a piece of the wing known as the “flaperon” — came from the doomed flight, which vanished 17 months ago in one of aviation’s greatest mysteries.

However, French investigators were more cautious, saying only there was a “very high probability” that the flaperon came from the plane, sparking anger from relatives over the ambiguity.

“With the discovery of the flaperon, we have to sit down with Australia and China to map the way forward to find the plane,” Malaysia’s deputy transport minister Abdul Aziz Kaprawi told AFP.

“We hope to refine and prioritise the search efforts. Definitely, the search will continue in the same area,” he said, adding that officials were working out the date for the gathering and the host for the meeting.

The jet disappeared from radar on March 8 last year after mysteriously veering off its original flight path from Kuala Lumpur to Beijing.

Investigators believe the aircraft ran out of fuel and crashed somewhere in the southern Indian Ocean.

Of the 239 people on board, the majority were Malaysians and Chinese. Australia has been leading the search for the plane, the largest multinational search operation in history. (AFP)

TRAGEDY | Passengers were packed in the hold of the vessel

40 migrants 'suffocate' in boat hold

Vessel was spotted off the Libyan coast with around 300 destined for Europe

ROME, Saturday

More than 40 migrants died in the Mediterranean Saturday, the Italian navy said, after apparently suffocating below deck on a boat taking them to Europe.

"Operation underway... many migrants saved. At least 40 dead," the navy said on Twitter, while the *Corriere della Sera* newspaper said those who died were found in the hold of the vessel.

The boat, which was intercepted south of the Italian island of Lampedusa, was carrying around 300 people, the paper said.

An Italian navy helicopter spotted the boat, which was "overcrowded and starting to sink", about 21 miles off the Libyan coast, said a reporter with Italy RaiNews television at the rescue operation headquarters.

An Italian navy vessel was sent to its aid at 7 am local time (0500 GMT) and when its sailors boarded the vessel the grim discovery was made.

Survivors of the hazardous crossing from Libya often tell of how traffickers lock migrants in the hold — most black Africans — who pay less for the voyage.

Packed inside the confined space they not only risk drowning if the rickety boats capsize, but many of them also die after being overcome with diesel fumes.

The EU said Friday that Europe was facing the worst refugee crisis since World War II.

More than 101,700 migrants have arrived in Italy by boat since the start of the year, with at least 2,040 others dying on the crossing, according to the latest figures compiled by the International Organisation (AFP)



LOUISA GOULIAMAKI | AFP

Syrian migrants arrive at the Greek island of Kos from Turkey yesterday. More than 40 other migrants were found dead off the Libyan coast in the Mediterranean yesterday.

Abused teenager 'killed self after police taunting'

MULTAN, Pakistan, Saturday

A Pakistani teenager believed to have been kidnapped and repeatedly sexually assaulted has committed suicide after police refused to help and even taunted him, his father said on Saturday.

One police official has now been suspended for "negligence", police have confirmed.

Muhammad Ikram, 14, who worked at a furniture workshop in the Rahim Yar Khan district of Punjab province, was kidnapped by a gang and raped for two days, his father said.

Ikram was then dumped on a road near his home after his condition worsened but police did not act immediately after he and his father Muhammad Iqbal approached a police post in Khanpur city.

Apparently upset by the attitude of police, on Friday he threw himself into the path of a train.

Ikram's relatives, carrying his body, blocked a highway in protest and it was opened only after police assured them action would be taken against the kidnappers. (AFP)

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Migrants who have died trying to make the crossing since the beginning of the year

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Son of the late Joshua Mwaniki Kamau and the late Peris Nyathira. Brother of Ruth Wairimu, Joseph Gachago Mwaniki, Loise Wangari, the late Harrison Kanyua Mwaniki, Richard Macharia Mwaniki and the late Wanjiku Mwaniki. Loving father of the late Agnes Nyathira, John Mwaniki, Cecilia Wanjiru, the late Ruth Wairimu, Rachael Njoki, Elizabeth Wangari, Nancy Njeri, Michael Muchiri, Joseph Gachago, Peter Mwangi, the late Harrison Kanyua, Teresia Wangui and Richard Macharia.

The cortege leaves Dreamland funeral home on Sunday 16/08/2015, followed by requiem Mass at St.Leo Catholic Church Kimilili at 2pm. The procession will later head to his residential home in Kimilili town (Mango Inn).The cortege will leave kimilili home on Monday 17/08/2015 8a.m. for burial at his farm in Kiungani Kitala at 10am.

Celebration of a Well Lived Life

It is with deep sorrow and humble acceptance of God's will, that we announce the passing on of Mrs. Pauline Wanjiru Kingáng'i after a long illness bravely borne. She passed on, on 11th August 2015 at the AgaKhan Hospital, Nairobi.



Pauline Wanjiru Kingáng'i
01/01/1947- 11/08/2015

Daughter of the late Milcah Wambui and the late Elijah Kamuri. Loving wife of John Kingáng'i Mwithiga (formerly of KPCU & CRF Ruiru) and sister of the late Mwenda, the late Gichini, Elizabeth Wairimu, the late Ndonia, Wangari and Mumba. Mother of Josephine Kingáng'i (Post Bank), Jane Irungu (Principal-Kenyatta H.Sch.), the late Peter Mwithiga (USA), Anne Wangui, Mercy Kingáng'i, Elijah Kimani, Alex King'ang'i, Lucy King'ang'i, Maina Kingáng'i and Elizabeth Kingáng'i. Mother-in-law of Hon. Speaker Gathii Irungu (Kiambu County), Irene Mwithiga-USA, Jackie Gaithuma-Kimani and Peninah Maina. Loving grandmother and aunt of many.

Friends and relatives are meeting at the family home in Pwani- Nakuru, Blue Springs Hotel-Thika Road and St. Andrews Church-Nairobi at 6 pm (Thursday, Friday & at 4 pm on Saturday). The cortege shall be transferred from AgaKhan mortuary on Sunday the 16th to War Memorial mortuary Nakuru, then leave on 17th August 2015 for a funeral mass and burial at the home in Pwani, Njoro- Nakuru.

She has fought the good fight; she has finished the race and has kept the faith. (2 Tim: 4-7). Fare the well, Polly, Mum, Cucu, Aunt, Sister and Dear Friend!

1st Anniversary in Memory of...

We thought of Dad with love today, but that is nothing new
We thought about him yesterday, and the day before that too

We think of him in silence, we often speak his name
All we have are memories, and his picture in a frame

Dad's memory is our keepsake, with which we will never part
God has him in His keeping, we have him in our heart.

Dad's life was a blessing. We treasured every moment of the time we spent with him. His legacy lives on and will continue to shine through us and future generations. We miss him and love him beyond measure.

He is fondly remembered, greatly missed and forever cherished by his family and friends.

A memorial service will be held today, 16th August 2015, at 2:30pm at Magana House, Magana Town, Kikuyu.

Upwards and Onwards with Courage, Dignity and Determination. Forwards ever, Backwards never!

"And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard our hearts and our minds in Christ Jesus" Philippians 4:7

Death and Funeral Announcement

It is with deep sorrow and humble acceptance of God's will that we announce the demise of Rebecca Jephumba Rono after a long illness bravely borne on 11th August 2015 at Nairobi Women Hospital (Hurlingham) of Kirobon Farm, Ngata Sublocation, Njoro Division Nakuru County.



Rebecca Jephumba Rono
Sunrise 1950
Sunset 11/8/2015

The cortege leaves Umash Funeral Home on Sunday for overnight stay then burial on Monday 17th August 2015 at her Kirobon Ngata Farm Nakuru.

Mum Gogo, we loved you but God loved you most (R.I.P)

11th Anniversary



Samuel Kiragu Michuki

Eleven years ago you went to be with the Lord.
No one can fill the gap you left, but with the grace of God, we have endured.
Not a day passes without your family remembering and missing the way you held us together with love, courage, guidance, wisdom and generosity.
We thank the Lord for the treasured years we spent together and His sufficient grace for these eleven years.
He has seen us through. Dearly loved and missed by your wife, children, grandchildren, family and friends.
"In the Lord's arms you rest forever, in our hearts you stay forever."



Dr. Magana Njoroge Mungai
MD, EGH,
Ordre National du Mérite
(National Order of Merit)

SUNDAY NATION Sport



SCHOOL GAMES

Kenya's contingent of 650 students arrives in Rwanda for regional championships. **P.45**



FILE | NATION
Njoroge Kibugu at the Safaricom Business Challenge Golf tournament. He won the 13-years-and-under title in the Kenya Junior Matchplay championship on Friday.

GOLF | Plans under way to take sport to schools

Niraj is the junior matchplay champ

Sigona player defeats Thika's Omondi while Wafula beats Royal golfer Khanyereri to girl's title

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Sigona Golf Club's Niraj Mulji is the Kenya Junior Matchplay champion. Mulji beat Thika Sports Club's Brian Omondi 3-2 in the final match of this year's championship sponsored by Kingsway Tyres at Sigona Golf Club on Friday.

Mulji made it to the final after beating boys' strokeplay champion Mutahi Kibugu of Muthaiga 1-up in the semi-final while Omondi overcame Parth Savani in the other last-four contest.

Taking the Windsor trophy for those aged between 14 and 15 years was Kaash Padam of Railway, who beat Njogu Kungu 6-5 in the final. Njoroge Kibugu took the 13-years-and-under trophy after registering

a 3-2 win over Aanav Hindocha.

In the girls' category, Kenya's top female golfer Naomi Wafula bounced back to form to beat Royal Nairobi's Sarah Khanyereri to the title, though at the 19th hole.

The two finalists had eliminated Kellie Gachaga and Agnes Nyakio, respectively, in the semis.

In the Plate section, Zubair Khan beat Karan Chadha 3-2 in the final to take the 16 to 18 years category title while Virg Imani won the Windsor Trophy with a 5-4 victory against Stephen Orinda.

David Murigi was crowned the under 13 years champion after his 7-6 win over Harsh Patel.

The girls' Plate winner was Loise Akinyi, who posted a 9-7 win over Natasha Karanja. Simon Ngigi won the gross subsidiary with 92 gross.

Junior Golf Foundation chairman Ashwin Gidoomal said they are focused on junior golf development programmes in the country.

"More plans are under way to spread the sport to schools in order to tap more talent," he said.

Swamibapa take hunt to Nairobi Gymkhana



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Swamibapa, who are endeavouring to regain their lost glory, will be travelling to Nairobi Gymkhana to meet the home team in a Nairobi Provincial Cricket Association Super League game that could go either way.

The team dominated the local cricket scene in the 1990s and were at one time the only side that did not need the services of overseas players from the Indian sub-continent. At the time, Swamibapa used to supply the bulk of national team players.

The NPCA batting record of 1,950 runs set by then prolific Swamibapa batsman Steve Tikolo (**above**) in 1995 is still intact.

1,950

The NPCA batting record of runs set by then prolific Swamibapa batsman Steve Tikolo in 1995

In the last season, Swamibapa failed to impress even though the side had a good share of national team players. The team has brought in two professional players from India with the hope of putting up a credible performance this season.

As for Nairobi Gymkhana, besides bringing in players from India, they have sought the services of Kenya's Under-19 team coach Thomas Odoyo as player-cum-coach to guide the youngsters.

Odoyo is not new to the club as that is where he started learning the ropes of the game, which culminated in him playing in the 1996 ICC World Cup aged just 17.

Across the road, Premier Club will host defending league champions Kanbis in what is expected to be a one-sided affair in favour of the visitors. Kanbis are currently the best fielding side in the league and, in cricket, catches win matches.

Premier Club neighbours Sikh Union will host Ruaraka Sports Club in what is expected to be Sikh's game for harvesting points as Ruaraka are the underdogs to the greatly improved side. Sikh have been a serious league contender in the previous two seasons.

At Park Road, Sir Ali Muslim Club will host Cutchi Leva in a match they start as favourites to win.

TOOTHLESS TIGER

Woods misses the cut at PGA Championship

Tiger Woods missed the cut at the PGA Championship yesterday, his third straight missed cut in a major. The 14-time major champion had already missed back-to-back cuts in grand slam events for

the first time in his career when he flopped at the US and British Opens. Woods was among 57 players who had to complete the second round yesterday because of a late thunderstorm the

day before. The American golfer carded a one-over par 73 for a four-over total of 148, which was two strokes outside the projected cut line as the second round was winding down. (AFP)

Safety key priority for organisers of local rally series

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The KCB Machakos rally went down as one of the safest and most disciplined rally events in the local championship.

The event, held last Friday and won by Finland's Tapio Laukkanen, was the sixth leg of this year's Kenya National Rally Championship series.

Laukkanen, driving a Subaru Impreza, registered his third win in the championship. Perhaps fans are beginning to realize the need to stay

safe and just enjoy the rally without ugly experiences of drunken driving and personal cars obstructing cars.

This is good news because the rally was removed from the World Rally Championship series due to, among other things, safety concerns. Eventually, some sponsors pulled out.

But the growth of the event has seen more companies come on board to partner KCB Group in sponsoring the series. KCB started sponsoring rally activities in 2003 and 12 years later, the company's faith in KNRC under the Kenya Motor Sport Federation is paying back.

The series has proved one of the best outdoor sports in the calendar and has also promoted local and international tourism.

This year, more companies, among them Shell (under Vivo Energy brand), aviation company ALS and ICEA Lion Group have come back to sponsor the series.

Vivo energy awards fastest driver in selected sections of the race. During the Machakos Rally, Karan Patel won himself Vivo energy V-Power fuel worth Sh10,000.

The next event in the series will be held in Nakuru next month.



Karan Patel (right) and his navigator Tauseef Khan (left) receive a cheque for fuel worth Sh10,000 from Vivo Energy Marker Analyst Fahad Adil after last week's Machakos rally.

GOLF

Australia's Matt Jones completed a bogey-free seven-under-par 65 yesterday to take a two-stroke lead on 11-under 133 as the second round concluded at the 97th PGA Championship.

KENYAN PREMIER LEAGUE

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Gor Mahia's win over Nairobi All Stars in the Kenyan Premier League matches played yesterday

RUGBY

All Blacks bounce back against Wallabies

The All Blacks' frustration at last week's loss to the Wallabies in Sydney spilled over in the return match in Auckland yesterday where they thrashed the Australians 41-13. It was a telling statement in their last match before heading to England to defend the World Cup. The New Zealanders' pride was wounded when they lost the Rugby Championship decider 27-19 a week ago, and they were determined to make amends and retain the Bledisloe Cup for the

CRICKET

Wellens takes control of

Belgian rider Tim Wellens of the Lotto-Soudal team grabbed the overall Tour of Benelux lead by winning yesterday's sixth stage over 208.6km from Heerlen in the Netherlands to Houffalize in Belgium. Wellens, 24, won a solo run for the line ahead of compatriot Greg Van Avermaet of BMC and Germany's Simon Geschke of the Giant-Alpecin team who was 50sec off the pace.

ATHLETICS | Olympic champion to come face to face with Botswana's Amos in two-lap race

Front-running Rudisha to stay true to his tradition in Beijing



CHRIS OMOLLO | NATION
Ferguson Rotich (left) crosses the finish at Safaricom Stadium, Kasarani, on August 1 ahead of David Rudisha in the men's 800m final of the national trials for the World Athletics Championship.

World 800m record holder happy with current form, vows to continue attack in 2015 World Championships

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World 800 metres record holder David Rudisha is happy with his improved shape ahead of the World Championships in Athletics that start in Beijing in a week's time.

The front-running Olympics champion said he had rediscovered his powerful attack on the two-lap event during the two-week training camp at Kasarani stadium.

"I have already picked up power. It is not that I did not have power but it had not been activated," the 2010 IAAF Athlete of the Year award winner said. He spoke yesterday after morning training.

He said initially his body was not responding to training regime but he has since gained form. He said presence of big names like

Nijel Amos (Botswana), Amel Tuka (Bosnia and Herzegovina) Ayanleh Souleiman (Djibouti) and himself will make the event very interesting in Beijing.

Rudisha said since each of the four athletes has tasted defeat this season, nobody will have king tag at the starting line-up in China.

"This is sport and when you have different people winning, it makes competition more interesting and more open which is good for everybody," Rudisha, who set the World record of 1min,40.91sec at the 2012 London Olympic Games, said.

He said each of the runners in 800m

will be praying that God be on their side on that day.

Rudisha will be seeking to win his second medal in the World championships. He won gold in the 2011 edition held in Daegu, Korea.

He did not take part in the 2013 edition in Moscow because of an injury. During his athletics career, he has won five gold medals from 2012 Olympics, 2011 Daegu World Championships, 2008 and 2010 Africa Championships in Addis Ababa and Nairobi respectively and 2010 Continental Cup. He also claimed silver at last year's Commonwealth Games in Glasgow.

During his career, he has ran explosive speeds that have erased records and best times set by other 800m great runners such as the Africa record of 1:42.28 by Sammy Koskei which had stood for 25 years. Rudisha erased the record by running 1:42.01 at the Italy Grand Prix in 2009.

He also bettered meet records by such greats like Sebastian Coe of Britain. Coe is among candidates seeking to be elected IAAF president during the Beijing championships to take over from the retiring Lamine Diack of Senegal.

"I have already picked up power. It is not that I did not have power but it had not been activated"

David Rudisha, Olympics 800m champion

Tokyo 2020 logo designer apologises in new plagiarism row

Tokyo

The designer of Tokyo's 2020 Olympics logo has apologised after admitting his team traced the designs used for a Suntory promotion campaign, as he faces plagiarism allegations over the Games design.

Besieged designer Kenjiro Sano made the apology on Friday after withdrawing some designs created for the

drinks giant following claims that there might be copyright problems.

Investigations

"Following our in-house investigation, it was found that we traced designs created by a third party for part of our designs," Sano said in a statement posted on his design office's website.

"I feel very sorry for caus-

ing great trouble to the people concerned," Sano said, adding he had taken the consequences seriously.

Suntory, one of Japan's biggest beverage firms, has said that it would stop shipment of certain bags bearing the designs that were part of a promotional campaign for non-alcoholic beer. Sano's apology came after Belgian designer Olivier Debie took the International Olympic

Committee to court over use of the logo for the 2020 Tokyo Games, which he claims was plagiarised from his work.

Sano has refuted the claims as "completely baseless."

The IOC and the Tokyo Games organisers have also dismissed the claims, and said Debie did not have a trademark on the emblem, which he designed for the Liege Theatre. (AFP)

Yego out to go one better at the World Championships



DAVID MACHARIA | NATION

Africa and national javelin record holder Julius Yego trains at Safaricom Stadium, Kasarani, Nairobi on Tuesday.

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The Diamond League javelin record holder, Julius Yego, is out to rewrite history books when he fields at the World Championships on August 22 to 30 in Beijing.

Even though the burly police officer is cautious of another record, victory will make him the first African to hold a world title in the event as he embarks on his second journey to the Worlds.

"It's my prayer that God will keep me in good health to see the day and plough a perfect throw," said Yego, who is Kenya's only representative in javelin at the championships.

"Everybody will be going for a good throw; so is Yego," said the 26-year-old athlete, who finished fourth on his debut at the 2013 Moscow Worlds. "I cannot talk about a record since no one knows when he will throw a big distance."

"It comes by chance."

Yego was the first Kenyan to compete in field events at the Olympics during the 2012 London Summers Games. He ploughed to the historic final to settle 12th overall, setting the stage for Moscow Worlds before becoming the first African to win the javelin crown at the 2014 Glasgow Commonwealth Games.

Best technique

Yego, who is the reigning Africa and Africa Games champion, said the thrower with the best technique of the day will prevail in Beijing.

"The fact that I'm heading to Beijing with a Diamond League record doesn't make me the favourite," said Yego, who has broken the Kenyan

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Julius Yego, javelin thrower

record four times in the past four years, added.

Yego has been phenomenal this season. He could have started his season in Doha with a sixth placing of 81.98 on May 15 but his performance at the IAAF World Challenge in the Ostrava Golden Spike on May 26 with a new Kenyan record of 86.88 metres for victory is perhaps what triggered his surge. He beat World champions Vítězslav Vesely and Olympic champion Keshorn Walcott.

Improved national record

Come June 4, Yego improved his national record to 87.71m at the Golden Gala in Rome, placing second behind Vesely. Three days later, he won in Birmingham, overtaking Vesely in the last round with a massive throw of 91.39m.

The throw was originally judged for a narrow sector foul but a request for re-measurement of the sector angle saw the ruling being overturned. It was also a new African and Diamond League record and the best in the world since 2006.

Yego finished a distant sixth with a throw of 81.79m in Monaco on July 17 before heading to Nairobi to win the Worlds trials in 83.10m on August 1.

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Kericho's Kitur wins Maasai Mara Half Marathon race



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Kericho-based runner Bernard Kitur (*left*) yesterday beat a star-studded field of more than 200 elite athletes to emerge the 7th edition Maasai Mara Half Marathon.

The 26-year-old Kitur timed his race to perfection, breaking away at the 18th kilometer mark to overtake tiring Bernard Bett to win in 1hr, 10:41min.

The struggling Bett was forced to apply a last-minute kick to wade off Emanuel Ngatuny who was closing in on him. Bett timed in 1:10:46 with Ngatuny three seconds behind. The Three runners ran a

neck-to-neck race in the humid weather that started three hours behind schedule.

The winner, although glad to have emerged the best, complained of the terrain 'which was bumpy and slowed me down.' "It was a tough course and at one point a wild beast crossed in front of me, affecting my pace. I'm happy that I improved on the sixth position that I attained last year," he said.

Kitur's next mission is to win the Berlin full Marathon. At the end of the grueling 21km race, confusion reined as some of the top performing athletes failed to keep to the marked course but were later disqualified by the race organizers. Patrick Kipng-

eno timed 1:10:50, followed by Julius Kago a second later.

In the women's category, pre-race favourite Caroline Kilel was upstaged by little-known Peris Chepchirchir from Nandi who won in 1:12:18.

The 21-year-old ran a gun-to-tape race and was rarely threatened by the trailing pack.

She was followed home by Beatrice Mutai who timed 1:12:43.

Kilel came third in a time of 1:15:43. "I'm happy to have won the race in my first attempt. I have now set my sights on the Czech Republic where I have two scheduled races in the coming months," said Chepchirchir.

ATHLETICS | Cherono, Kisa and Kibiwott to line up in women's 5,000m race in China

Cheruiyot leads three-pronged title assault in 10,000m at Worlds

'Pocket rocket' expects strong partnership with compatriots Saina and Kipyego in Beijing

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Former World 5,000m and 10,000m champion, Vivian "Pocket rocket" Cheruiyot, is ready to re-launch at World Championships that go down August 22 to 30 in Beijing, China.

Cheruiyot predicted an explosive partnership with Betsy Saina, who finished second in the trials, and 2012 Olympics 10,000m silver medallist, saying they will strategise for the race well.

Kipyego got a wild card top the team after she failed to finish her race at the trials when she suffered muscle cramps.

"I am happy to be back. The world title is now on my mind and I promise to try my best to reclaim it even though the World Championships is a bit competitive," said Cheruiyot adding that winning the trials hot conditions was fine since she expects similar conditions in Beijing. "The weather will be hot and humid in Beijing but that is fine with me."

Cheruiyot said he won't double but explained that Kenya still has a strong



CHRIS OMOLLO | NATION

Vivian Cheruiyot celebrates winning women's 10,000 metres final at the national trials at Safaricom Stadium, Kasarani. Cheruiyot is preparing for the 2015 World Championships in Athletics in Beijing.

team in the 5,000m in the likes of World 5,000m silver medallist, Mercy Cherono, Janet Kisa and Viola Kibiwott.

"I am comfortable with the 10,000m race at the moment but hopefully I will double at the 2016 Rio Olympics," said Cheruiyot, who warned about the challenge from Ethiopia. "Ethiopians remain our real threat but we shall strategise well for them," said Cheruiyot.

The Ethiopian team has the 2013 World Championships 10,000m bronze medallist, Belaynesh Oljira, Gelete Burka, who lost in 1,500m heats at the 2013 Moscow Worlds, and Alemitu Haroye, fourth at the 2015 World Cross Country.

Cheruiyot rouse to the top has been gradual and exquisite, winning silver in 5,000m at the 2007 Osaka World Championships followed by gold in 5,000m at 2009 Berlin World Championships. She would follow it up with a double in 5,000m and 10,000m at the 2011 Daegu World Championships before silver in 5,000m and bronze in 10,000m at the 2012 London Olympics.

The 2010 Delhi Commonwealth Games 5,000m gold medalist spiced up her track show with victory at 2011 World Cross Country Championships.

Saina, who will be glad to don the national colours for the first time, said she is happy to partner with Cheruiyot, who is her role model at the Worlds. "I have prepared well in the USA, Iten and here at Kasarani," Saina said. "We have had weeks of polishing up especially on our finishing speed," said Saina.

Meanwhile, a number of British athletes have expressed dismay over the absence of a Union Jack flag on their kits for this month's World Championships in Beijing.

The design for Great Britain's kits at the London 2012 Olympics incorporated the Union flag, but the new design does not, being mainly blue with a large white V at the top of the vest's front.

It features logos for kit manufacturer Nike and British Athletics, but not the British flag.

Britain's Olympic long-jump champion Greg Rutherford led the backlash, tweeting a picture of his vest alongside the words: "Well this isn't right ... Where's the Union Jack!?!?" (AF)

He added: "A hasten to add (sic) I'm yet to find an athlete who wanted the change (from the 2012 kit). EVERY athlete I've spoken to wants the Union flag."

Kiplagat hopes to bloom in championship

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The 2014 Diamond League 1,500m champion, Silas Kiplagat has set his sights on glory at the World Championships.

Kiplagat is confident of posting good results in this year's edition of the games, having learnt from past mistakes at the 2011 edition in Daegu and 2013 Moscow World Championships.

Kiplagat, 25, said that he has armed himself with the right ammunition ahead of the Beijing show after reviewing past video clips from some of his role models, among them World record holder Hicham El Guerrouj of Morocco and Algeria Nouredine Morceli.

Morceli, who has the fourth fastest time over the distance of 3min,27.37sec, won the world titles thrice in 1991 (Tokyo), 1993 (Stuttgart) and 1995 (Gothenburg) before El Guerrouj claimed an unprecedented four world titles in 1997 (Athens), 1999 (Seville), 2001 (Edmonton) and 2003 (Saint-Denis).

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Age of Silas Kiplagat who will race in men's 1,500m race at the World Championships in Athletics

Kiplagat finished second in 3:35.92 at the 2011 Daegu Worlds, losing the battle to compatriot Asbel Kiprop (3:35.69) and sixth in 3:37.11 at the 2013 Moscow Worlds where Kiprop (3:36.28) reigned supreme again.

"I have in the past made silly mistakes, including running late from behind," said Kiplagat. "I have watched how El Guerrouj and Morceli used to win races and for sure I want to get it right this time around."

Kiplagat, who won in Shanghai (3:35.29) and Paris (3:30.12) this season, finished second behind Kiprop during the national trials for the World Championships, clocking 3:34.44 against 3:34.04. Also to make through for the Worlds were Elijah Manangoi (3:34.46) and Robert Kibiwott (3:34.71).

Kenya has four slots in the games by virtue of having the world and Diamond League champions in their midst.

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Silas Kiplagat, 1500m runner

"It's a tough calling but I shall put my best foot forward and hope for the best," said Kiplagat, who boasts a personal best 3:27.64 from 2014 Monaco.

Kiprop ran world's third fastest time when he won in Monaco in 3:26.69 on July 17, this year, missing El Guerrouj's world record by 0.69. "It shows the quality of race I will face," said Kiplagat.

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Vivian Cheruiyot, former World champion over 5,000m and 10,000m

Hospital Hill, Malava Boys vow to reclaim volleyball title

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Kenya's representatives in boys' volleyball at this year's East Africa secondary school games, Malava Boys and Hospital Hill, have vowed to work together to ensure they claim the top two slots at the championship.

The duo will put their rivalry aside to ensure Kenya reclaims boys' volleyball title it lost to Uganda's St Mary's

Kitende last year in Tanzania.

Malava Boys beat Hospital Hill 3-0 in the national final in Machakos last month to retain their title.

They had lifted the regional title in 2013 in Lira, Uganda after seeing off Rwanda's G.S Indagaburezi in the final before relinquishing their title to St Mary's last year. Hospital Hill on the other hand have made it to the semi-finals in the last two years and will be out to better those performances.

The two schools' coaches, Shadrack Tovoko of Malava and his counterpart Francis Mwangi, said working together is the only way that will ensure Kenya comes out on top in the discipline.

"We are working on the mistakes that cost us victory last year which included poor receptions and also service. If we can correct this then we shall increase our chances of taking the title," Tovoko said.

Mwangi believes the two schools

present the country's best chance of claiming gold and silver predicting the partnership will succeed.

"Our opponents are also working in unity to ensure their various countries win, we also need to do the same as Kenyans," Mwangi said.

Malava are in pool 'C' and open their campaign against hosts Lycee de Nyanza while Hospital Hill are in pool 'B' and will come up against St Joseph also from Rwanda in their

ATHLETICS | Teams from six countries to compete

Kenyans all set for title challenge in Rwanda games

The contingent of 650 students arrives in Huye for championship starting tomorrow



BY BRIAN YONGA
in Huye, Rwanda

Kenyan schools participating in this year's Brookside East African Secondary School Games arrived here Friday evening after three days on the road.

The journey saw the contingent that included about 650 students as well as teachers, coaches and government officials leave Busia on Thursday morning for Mbarara, Uganda, on Thursday night where they spent the night before leaving for Rwanda on Friday morning. Led by

the Kenya Secondary Schools Sports Association secretary-general David Ngugi, the Kenyan contingent remains optimistic of reigning supreme at the 14th edition of the annual regional tourney.

"It has been a long journey but we finally made it here, the teams will have time to rest and train before the games begin on Monday," Ngugi said.

Other participating countries include Uganda who have the largest squad of about 800 students at the games, Tanzania, Burundi, South Sudan and hosts Rwanda. All teams have converged on the University of Rwanda.

Zanzibar, which graced the event last year in Dar es Salaam, will not take part in the games but the 3,000 students from the six countries will be out to ensure the games are a success. The opening ceremony will be held this afternoon at the University of Rwanda grounds with only one match pitting boys' football champions St Mary's Kitende from Uganda taking on home side Muhanga TC at 3pm (4pm Kenyan time).

Kitende have won the title a record 11 times out of the 13 finals with Tanzania's Makongo and Kenya's St Anthony's Kitale the other schools to have lifted the crown. The rest of the games will begin tomorrow across seven different venues in Huye, which is about 192km from the capital Kigali. A total of 12 disciplines will be on show during the week-long event.

Federation of East African Secondary School Sports Association president Justus Mughisha expects this year's championship to be closely contested. He warned against age-cheating. "These games are for students and not mercenaries or soldiers so it us up to the officials to ensure that only students get on the pitch. Any cases of age-cheating should be reported before knockout stages," Mughisha said.



MARTIN MUKANGU | NATION
Nick Kimutai of Hospital Hill plays against Eutychus Academy in the final of the Metropolitan region secondary schools Term Two 'B' games on June 28 at Lenana School.

Tigers rally to hold Sailors in nationwide hockey league

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Parkroad Tigers battled to a 1-1 draw with Chase Sailors in the men's National League match staged at the City Park Stadium yesterday.

Oscar Buluma and David Omwaka scored for Chase Sailors and Parkroad respectively to ensure their teams went home with a point each from the match. The Sailors, who

are sponsored by Chase Bank, lead pool 'A' with a five-match unbeaten record. Yesterday's was Sailors' first draw of the season.

They showed intentions of maintaining their 100 per cent unbeaten record by taking the lead at half time with a goal from Buluma who had executed a spectacular backhand shot in the 35th minute to smack the ball into the net.

Tigers however responded in

the 20th minute of the second half when captain Omwaka evaded a challenge from Dennis Yalwala and Robert Wasike before rushing home to sound the boards.

In another men's national league match staged at the same venue, University of Nairobi registered their first win of the season after beating Impala 1-0.

The university students had gone five matches without a single win,

and the result saw them jump from ninth to sixth position in the pool 'A' standings with the same points as Impala.

Stephane Ochieng scored the qall-important goal in the 46th minute when his team mate Derrick Ouma crossed the ball to him from outside the penalty area, and he finished off with a clinical swing to send the ball past Impala goalkeeper Bran Wanjala.

Malkia Strikers hone Worlds skills in Japan



FILE | NATION
Malkia Strikers players on arrival at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport on July 14 from the FIVB Grand Prix in Canberra, Australia.

BY DAVID KWALIMWA
In Hitachi Rivale, Japan

The national women volleyball team yesterday embarked on its final preparations ahead of the FIVB World Cup with a two-hour training session at the Hitachi Rivale gym in Ibaraki Province.

The Malkia Strikers are in Japan, where they have pitched tent ahead of the competition in which the country remains winless in 32 attempts stretching over two decades.

They arrived on Friday afternoon after a daylong trip from Nairobi and will continue training at this base, located two hours' drive from the capital Tokyo, until the competition begins on Friday with a clash against Cuba.

Kenya's chances of ending the embarrassing record at the World Cup will hinge on a couple of factors.

The African queens are not by any stretch of imagination expected to win the World Cup — not with the likes of hosts Japan and bigwigs Brazil, Argentina, South Korea and Serbia waiting in the wings to give stiff competition.

Pundits are however backing David Lung'aho's girls to at least triumph in a couple of their 12 fixtures here, which would be a historic feat for the team.

The growing optimism has been heightened by the team's recent exploits in international assignments. Lung'aho's charges retained the Africa Nations Championship in Nairobi in July before winning the FIVB Grand Prix Group 3 after their impressive outing in Mexico, Algeria and Australia.

The fact that more than half of the players will be competing at the World Cup for the second time means the team has the necessary experience.

Team captain Brackides Agala, setters Janet Wanjia and Jane Wacu, Lydia Maiyo, Mercy Moim, Ruth Wangeci, Everylne Makuto and Noel Murambi featured in the last edition of the tourney four years ago. The rest of the squad — including Monica Biama, Triza Atuka and Elizabeth Wanyama — were part of the team that won the Afcon and Grand Prix titles.

"This squad is the best we have assembled in a long time, considering the results they've posted in the recent past," coach Lung'aho, who was assistant coach to Paul Bitok at the last World Cup held here four years ago, explained.

The head of delegation, who is also team manager, Kenneth Tonui, added: "The ladies have an idea of what to expect from the opposition. Our target is to win at least four matches."

The players have also received the seal of approval from former coach Sadatoshi Sugawara, who has planned and partly facilitated the training camp.

"The ladies are now physically stronger and braver compared to the last time they were here," Sugawara said. "I am really impressed to be part of this team and remain certain they will create a bit of history."

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16.08.15	13:30	6729	PSV EINDHOVEN vs GRONINGEN	1.29	5.11	7.74	
16.08.15	14:00	9777	WOLVES vs HULL CITY	2.41	3.08	2.77	
16.08.15	14:30	6625	WIGAN vs DONCASTER	1.92	3.06	3.30	
16.08.15	15:00	5930	REIMS vs MARSEILLE	3.29	3.24	2.14	
16.08.15	15:30	4440	UTRECHT vs SC HEERENVEEN	2.17	3.35	2.94	
16.08.15	15:30	4768	OOSTENDE vs ANDERLECHT	3.62	3.28	1.76	
16.08.15	15:30	6591	CAMBUUR vs FEYENOORD	3.53	3.48	1.89	
16.08.15	15:30	8477	CRYSTAL PALACE vs ARSENAL	4.70	3.64	1.69	
16.08.15	16:30	2334	VFL WOLFSBURG vs EINTRACHT FRANKF	1.47	4.45	5.76	
16.08.15	17:00	3435	DINAMO MOSCOW vs URAL YEKATERINBURG	1.60	3.46	4.81	
16.08.15	17:00	4389	READING vs LEEDS	1.90	3.23	3.80	
16.08.15	17:00	9538	BLOEM CELTIC vs KAIZER CHIEFS	3.54	2.90	1.92	
16.08.15	17:30	8949	STURM GRAZ vs RAPID VIENNA	3.06	3.28	2.06	
16.08.15	17:45	1186	HERACLES vs NEC NIMEGEN	2.20	3.36	2.86	
16.08.15	18:00	3473	VITORIA SETUBAL vs BOAVISTA	2.13	2.92	2.97	
16.08.15	18:00	7788	LORIENT vs BASTIA	1.88	3.24	4.18	
16.08.15	18:00	9721	MANCHESTER CITY vs CHELSEA	2.03	3.28	3.54	
16.08.15	18:30	6038	STUTTGART vs KOLN	2.04	3.24	3.56	
16.08.15	19:00	9375	MOREIRENSE vs AROUCA	2.07	2.91	3.10	
16.08.15	20:00	1542	FC ROSTOV vs KRYLIYA SOVETOV	1.66	3.08	4.45	
16.08.15	20:15	8742	SPORTING BRAGA vs NACIONAL	1.59	3.22	4.76	
16.08.15	22:00	3745	MERSIN IDMANYURDU vs BESIKTAS	2.99	3.04	2.06	
16.08.15	22:00	4203	PARIS ST GERMAIN vs GAZELEC AJACCIO	1.12	7.03	20.82	
16.08.15	22:30	7436	BENFICA LISBON vs ESTORIL	1.27	4.62	8.63	

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KENYAN PREMIER LEAGUE | Third title in a row beckons for K’Ogalo

Unstoppable Gor crush City



CHRIS OMOLLO | NATION
Nairobi City Stars’ Yusuf Suf (left) vies for the ball with Gor Mahia’s Ali Abondo during their Kenya Premier League match at Nyayo National Stadium yesterday.

Muhoroni Youth dim Western Stima as visiting Bandari beat Thika United at home

BY NATION TEAM
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On-song Gor Mahia continued with their relentless march towards a third consecutive Kenyan Premier League title with a 3-1 win over relegation-threatened Nairobi City Stars at the Nyayo National Stadium yesterday.

Muhoroni Youth shocked Western Stima 1-0 at the Moi Stadium in Kisumu, while visiting Bandari piled more misery on Thika United’s woes after emerging 2-1 winners at the Thika Municipal Stadium.

At Nyayo Stadium, Lanky striker Michael Olunga played a starring role in K’Ogalo’s conquest, scoring in either side of the half after Rwandan forward Meddie Kagere had opened the scoring.

Jimmy Bageya pulled a consolation for City Stars in stoppage time but it was too late to spark a comeback.

Olunga headed in with aplomb just before the break after right-back Karim

Nizigiyimana had delivered a pin-point cross from the right.

His strike gave K’Ogalo a two-goal cushion after Kagere had steered Gor to a 25th minute lead with a precise header from an Abouba Sibomana delivery from the left flank.

Olunga then wrapped up the win in the 61st minute, converting from the spot after John Amboko was adjudged to have handled in the box.

Despite the victory, Gor’s deputy coach John “Bobby” Ogolla was left wishing for more.

Unhappy with penalty

“I wish it was more than three goals, but I’m glad we won,” he said.

His opposite number, Gabriel “Kingi” Njoroge, said: The game was fine.

“I had instructed the players not to allow crosses into the box, and it’s unfortunate that we were beaten by such balls.

“We lost the match the moment we allowed such crosses to be delivered.”

Njoroge was however not pleased with the penalty award, saying: “It was not a penalty, but should have been a free kick outside the box.”

The silver-haired Ogolla, deputising for

head coach Frank Nuttall, who is away on a family engagement, kept faith in the usual line up with the burly Ernest Wendo being the only new face. Wendo benefited from the suspension of Khalid Aucho but the Ugandan’s absence did not dent Gor’s momentum as they easily romped to another routine win.

George Mandela scored in the 43rd minute as Muhoroni shocked Stima 1-0 at home in Kisumu while at the Thika Municipal Stadium, hosts Thika continued with their poor run, losing 2-1 to Bandari.

Elsewhere, AFC Leopards brushed aside KPL side Ligi Ndogo 2-1 at the Nairobi City Stadium to a book a date in the next round of the GOTv Cup. Ligi raced to a 15th minute lead through Yidah Sven but twin strikes from Lamine Dialao and Patrick “Petit” Kagogo was enough to secure the win.

Results summary:

Gor 3-1 City Stars; Thika United 1-2 Bandari; Western Stima 0-1 Muhoroni Youth; AFC Leopard’s 2-1 Ligi Ndogo (GOTv match)

Reports by Isaac Swila, John Pesa and Abdulrahman Sherriff

Masaku beauties lord it over hapless Mennonites

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Masaku Sparks had a rare huge 83-0 victory over Mennonites in a one-sided women’s Eastern Conference Premier League basketball match at Nyayo National Stadium gymnasium yesterday.

It was the first time a Premier League side went scoreless in the entire 40 minutes of the game. Masaku, who debuted in the top championship this season, had Betty Kananu, Pamela Sinda and Esther Kawoche (right) were key against the youthful Mennonites 19-0 in Quarter 1.

Mennonites, again under pressure form their last tie in which Equity Bank whitewashed them 70-13, were down 39-0 at the break in a boring tie that was nonetheless well officiated by referees Thomas Mutuku and B. Mutonga. The referees had no pressure at all from the



technical bench as is common.

Mennonites coach Sonny Mugisha had nothing to celebrate as the half-time break failed to yield fruit with his team failing to score even a free-throw as they went down 19-0 and 25-0 in the third and fourth quarters. Kananu scored 22 points and Hilda Ndegwa 14 for Masaku, who were without coach Justus Akhwesa.

Mennonites coach Sonny Mugisha said: “We are a young team with many players

from primary school but our experienced opponents decided to play a hard game against us.”

Masaku, who recently beat Storms 49-33, remain fifth on the seven-team log with 12 points after five wins and four losses. They take on the tough Co-op Bank at 2pm today. Mennonites, who walk a tightrope today against Strathmore University at Upper Hill School, are bottom with nine points, having lost all 10 matches and forfeited one.

In the men’s Division One match at the same venue, veteran Abel Kimondo scored 18 and Franklin Delano 17 to help Barclays Bank demolish Don Bosco 66-53. It was Kimondo, formerly with giants Co-op Bank and Delano, who started calling the early shots as the bankers raced to a 18-12 first quarter lead. Don Bosco coach-player Dan Obiga starred for their side.

Red-hot Foxes march on as Swansea down 10-man Newcastle

London

Leicester City brought West Ham United crashing to earth and returned to the top of the fledgling Premier League standings with a 2-1 victory at Upton Park yesterday.

West Ham opened their campaign by winning 2-0 at Arsenal, but they were 2-0 down by half-time as Japan striker Shinji Okazaki headed in his first goal in English football and Riyad Mahrez scored his third goal in two games.

New signing Dimitri Payet replied for West Ham with a powerful strike,

but it was not enough to prevent Claudio Ranieri's Foxes reclaiming first place on goal difference from Manchester United.

Compounded misery

West Ham's misery was compounded in stoppage time when their Spanish goalkeeper Adrian was sent off for a high foot after going up to contest a corner.

Swansea City also built on an impressive opening performance, following up their battling 2-2 draw at champions Chelsea with a 2-0 win at home to Newcastle United

that left Garry Monk's side in fourth place.

Bafetimbi Gomis rounded Tim Krul to put Swansea ahead in the ninth minute and Newcastle's afternoon took a further turn for the worse shortly before half-time when Daryl Janmaat was sent off for two bookable offences.

After Jefferson Montero and Gylfi Sigurdsson had both made the woodwork shudder, Andre Ayew made the game safe by polishing off a cross from the elusive Montero to register his second goal in two games.

A late Stoke City fightback prevented Tottenham Hotspur claiming a first win of the season in a 2-2 draw at White Hart Lane.

Beaten 1-0 by Manchester United on the opening day, Spurs, who welcomed back goalkeeper and captain Hugo Lloris, went 2-0 up through an Eric Dier header and a deflected Nacer Chadli volley.

But after Spurs striker Harry Kane had been taken off with an apparent injury, Stoke stormed back to level courtesy of a Marko Arnautovic penalty and a Mame Biram Diouf header. (AFP)

FOOTBALL | Touring Red Devils record back-to-back Premier League victories

Victorious Van Gaal wants more from Man United after Villa job

The Dutchman upbraids his attacking players for their sloppiness after slim win at Villa Park

London

Manchester United manager Louis van Gaal upbraided his attacking players for their sloppiness after they beat Aston Villa 1-0 at Villa Park to record back-to-back Premier League victories.

Adnan Januzaj marked his return to the starting XI with a 29th-minute winner on Friday as United moved to the top of the table, but Van Gaal was dismayed by the ease with which his team conceded possession.

Having mustered only one shot on target in their 1-0 win over Tottenham Hotspur last weekend, United found the target just twice against Villa, but it was wayward passes, rather than shots, that concerned Van Gaal.

"When you score more than your opponent, it's enough," he said. "But I think you are right, because we had too many unnecessary ball losses."

"That was not only Adnan Januzaj, but also Memphis Depay and Wayne Rooney. So a lot of players. I can say

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When you score more than your opponent, it's enough. But I think you are right, because we had too many unnecessary ball losses”

Louis van Gaal, United coach



PHOTO | AFP

Manchester United's Argentinian goalkeeper Sergio Romero (left) saves a header from Aston Villa's English striker Gabriel Agbonlahor (3rd R) during their English Premier League match at Villa Park on Friday.

more. We have to improve that.

"But in spite of this, we had more chances than the opposition, and bigger chances, and we scored a fantastic goal after a fantastic pass from Juan Mata and a fantastic cut from Adnan."

Januzaj's goal saw him race onto a splendid pass from Juan Mata before cutting inside Villa captain Micah Richards and beating Brad Guzan with the help of a deflection off Ciaran Clark. Januzaj was replaced by Ander

Herrera on the hour and while Van Gaal said the substitution had been pre-planned, he was critical of the Belgian's use of the ball.

"I'm pleased with the goal, because it was a wonderful goal, how Adnan scored, but you have to do more than only scoring a goal," said the Dutchman. "That was less good than the goal."

Asked if Januzaj had lost the ball too much for his liking, Van Gaal replied: "Yes."

Januzaj has been linked with a loan move to Sunderland, but while he said he intended to stay at Old Trafford and fight for his place — dismissing the speculation linking him to the Stadium of Light as "just rumours" — Van Gaal was coy when asked if the winger would be loaned out.

"You have to wait and see until we close the transfer period," he said. "That's now my benefit of this transfer period." (AFP)

Man City spy chance to add to Chelsea's woes at Etihad

Manchester

Manchester City will attempt to exploit the internal turmoil at Chelsea and land an early blow in this season's Premier League title race when the sides face off today.

Chelsea's week has been dominated by the fall-out from manager Jose Mourinho's criticism of first-team doctor Eva Carneiro and physiotherapist Jon Fearn for running onto the pitch to treat Eden Hazard when the team were down to 10 men in last weekend's 2-2 draw

with Swansea City. Widely criticised over the incident, Mourinho confirmed on Friday that the pair have been demoted — temporarily, according to him — and will not be on the bench at the Etihad Stadium.

Underwhelming start

The Swansea game already represented an underwhelming start to Chelsea's title defence after five games without victory in pre-season, with goalkeeper Thibaut Courtois's dismissal ruling him out of Sunday's contest. City, in contrast, opened with an impressive 3-0 win at West

Bromwich Albion that sent Manuel Pellegrini's side to the top of the standings after the first round of fixtures.

Raheem Sterling is settling in after his £49 million (\$76.7 million, 68.9 million euros) switch from Liverpool, Sergio Aguero is nearing full fitness following his post-Copa America break and Yaya Toure suggested he was ready to put last season's troubles behind him with a goal and an assist at The Hawthorns.

Today's game, meanwhile, will be the first at the Etihad since the opening of a new 6,000-seat tier on

the South Stand and the addition of 1,500 extra pitch-side seats, taking the capacity to 55,097 — another sign of the club's growing ambition.

Victory would put City five points above Chelsea and although it is early days, Pellegrini knows that today's encounter represents an opportunity to disrupt the stride of a title rival.

"We are not thinking about the title in the second game, but we are thinking about trying to win our points at home, especially as we are playing against the champions and one of the teams that has a lot of chances to win the title," he said. (AFP)

Beaten Barca eye famous fightback in Spanish Cup



Madrid

Barcelona boss Luis Enrique defiantly backed his side to pull off an incredible comeback in the second leg of the Spanish Super Cup tomorrow after being thrashed 4-0 by Athletic Bilbao.

An under-strength Barca side were torn apart by Athletic on Friday as Mikel San Jose's stunning opener and a second-half hat-trick from Aritz Aduriz put them on the verge of a first trophy in 31 years.

"If there is anyone who can turn this around it is Barca. We will wait till Monday (tomorrow) and will give everything we have," said Enrique (above).

The European champions lifted their fourth trophy of the year earlier in the week, but were equally as shambolic in defence as they threw away a 4-1 lead before overcoming Sevilla 5-4 in extra time.

It is the first time in 14 years that

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If there is anyone who can turn this around it is Barca. We will wait till Monday (tomorrow) and will give everything we have”

Barcelona boss Luis Enrique

Barca have conceded four times in two consecutive games and comes as even more of a shock as it took 13 games for the Catalans to concede eight times last season.

"It worries me that we are conceding so many goals," added Enrique.

"We will analyse it and try to correct it. Football is a game of errors. Curiously, we have gone from being the team that it is hardest to score against to conceding easily."

Having played 120 minutes in the searing heat of the Georgian capital Tbilisi on Tuesday, Enrique had opted to rest a number of his star names from the start in Bilbao.

Barca also recently completed a gruelling pre-season tour in the United States and have a host of players returning from international duty at the Copa America.

However, Enrique refused to blame his side's punishing schedule as an excuse for their lacklustre performance.

"We came from competing barely three days ago. I made a lot of changes to the starting 11 and I accept the responsibility as always."

"I believe I had to protect the players. This isn't the point of the season to burden some players with 120 minutes. I don't think it is the moment to look for excuses. It is how it is and I accept that."

Dani Alves was one of those most at fault as he was beaten by Sabin Merino to set up Aduriz's first and then pulled down Borja Etxeita for the penalty from which the veteran striker completed his hat-trick. (AFP)



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SPORT INSIDE



SCHOOL GAMES KENYANS SET FOR REGIONAL GAMES

Contingent of 650 students
arrives in Rwanda for games
starting tomorrow. P 45



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DESTRUCTION | Heavy damage to property is expected should the prediction be true

Weatherman warns of El-Niño rains

Experts warn of need
to brace for intense
rainfall that comes
with destruction

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Kenya could be headed into
another season of enhanced
rainfall as the world heads
into an El Niño, raising fears of
catastrophic amounts of rainfall.

"We can expect at least a moderate
event. However, there is a significant
chance that this event could reach
some of the strongest levels of the
last 35 years," said a statement by the
World Food Programme.

Already some parts of the world
are witnessing the effects of the
phenomenon with temperatures in
Asia and the US reaching sweltering
levels. In India, the temperatures have
been so hot that some of the roads
are melting.

"The waters of the eastern Pacific
Ocean are heating up, scientists
say, building towards a strong El
Niño event that could rival the
intensity of the record 1997 event
that wreaked weather-related havoc



JARED NYATAYA | NATION

Villagers look in shock after five boys, who were sheltering from heavy rains, were
struck by lightning in Lumakanda, Kakamega County, on Thursday.

across the globe," global TV network
CNN reported yesterday. According
to the reports, the phenomenon is
expected to cause enhanced rain in
parts of East Africa while the south-
ern part of the continent will be hit
by drought.

In Kenya, the Meteorological De-
partment says the season is likely to
coincide with the onset of the short

rains, which start next month.

"We are monitoring the global
situation closely and shall give a
comprehensive report on which
areas of the country will be affected
next week but all indications are we
are headed into an El Niño," Samuel
Mwangi, the Director of Weather, told
the *Sunday Nation* yesterday.

"Because of destruction of the

environment, as the years go by, the
global weather patterns will oscillate
more between floods, erratic rainfall
and missed rainy seasons in addition
to rising temperatures," he said.

Kenya has been witnessing huge
weather swings in the recent times.
The long rains in April became
unprecedented leading to massive
destruction, death and an exposure of
weak storm drainage systems across
towns and cities.

The subsequent cold season has
uncharacteristically extended way
into mid-August and has been char-
acterised by rains in some areas like
the Coastal region.

Globally, the temperatures in the
first six months have been the hot-
test and coldest in several places in
recent times.

The phenomenon, which is char-
acterised by huge weather swings, is
known to cause prolonged droughts
in some areas as others experience
enhanced rainfall. This happens every
seven years. Its intensity varies from
season to season.

However, global weather and hu-
manitarian agencies have predicted
that this year could be the most
intense. The last time Kenya experi-
enced it was in 1997 when rainfall was
up to 12 times its normal intensity.

There was an outbreak of the Rift
Valley Fever and up to 90,000 people
were affected. Some 500 died.

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Is Bahati planning to collabo with Radio?

Popular artiste Bahati, who is currently in the US for a promotional tour, is rumoured to be working on a collabo with Ugandan award-winning singer Radio. It is not clear when the collabo will be done but sources indicate that it could be out this month. Radio is a co-owner of Goodlife Music, together with Jose Chameleone's brother Weasel. Bahati will also be performing in Kampala for the first time this coming Sunday at the Green Festival to be held at Kololo Airstrip. This will be the second collabo for Bahati to do with a secular artiste, after he recently released the song Kuchu Kuchu, a collaboration with Wyre and Rabbit.

Nicki Minaj denies pregnancy rumours

American female rapper Nicki Minaj says she is not pregnant, yet. She referred to her rapper boyfriend Meek Mill as her "baby father" last weekend during one of her performances, several reports indicate. Sources close to Nicki say she uses the phrase "baby father" frequently – at least twice on this tour; "but it's not the same as "father of my child. It's just a term of endearment for those she likes." She's even referred to Lil Wayne as her baby daddy in the past, even though they're just friends.

Artistes agree on Skiza Tunes payment plan

A group of Kenyan artistes converged at the Go Down Arts Centre last week to discuss issues affecting the local music industry. The artistes, under the Music Authors and Composers Association, had the Safaricom Skiza Tunes downloads payment as their top agenda. The meeting was chaired by rapper DNA, who is the association's chairman and gospel veteran Rufftone. There has been a misunderstanding between artistes, ringtones companies as well as Collective Management Organisations (CMOs) in the recent past, said DNA.

"Most artistes did not understand the logistics behind the royalties payments from ringtones sold," added DNA. "We agreed that Skiza Tunes should pay royalties directly to the CMOs like MCSK, KAMP and PRISK, who will in turn pay us, which is much easier."

Most artistes used to receive their royalties directly from the ringtone service providers. "Now we know who to hold accountable whenever we have issues with royalty payments," the rapper added.



NE-YO arrives in Kenya tomorrow

American R-n-B star Ne-Yo is expected in the country tomorrow. Ne-Yo will be in Kenya for one week as the main guest artiste for Coke Studio Africa music reality show. Ne-Yo will be the guest star alongside Wangechi (Kenya), Alikiba (Tanzania), Maurice Kirya (Uganda), Dama Do Bling (Mozambique) and Ice Prince (Nigeria) for a mega mash up.

Ahead of his anticipated arrival, in an official statement Ne-Yo said; "It's a true honour to return to Africa and

celebrate artistes from all over the continent. By creating this musical fusion through Coke Studio Africa, people of all races, ethnicities and religion will come together through this remarkable opportunity. I'm so excited to build lasting moments with all of these incredibly talented artistes and musicians." Last month, he performed at the MTV Africa Music Awards 2015, held in Durban, South Africa. Last year, the guest star in Coke Studio was singer Wycleff Jean.

David Oyelowo is the 'first black James Bond'

British actor David Oyelowo will play James Bond but his performance will be heard not seen.

The announcement does not mean that Idris Elba will not be the first black Bond in the cinemas once Daniel Craig is done. The role is still on but for now, Oyelowo can claim the title of the first black Bond.

Oyelowo is set to play Bond, and other characters, in the audiobook version of Trigger Mortis written by Anthony Horowitz

and commissioned by the Ian Fleming estate.

A "very honoured" Oyelowo said: "I am officially the only person on planet Earth who can legitimately say: 'I am the new James Bond' – even saying that name is the cinematic equivalent of doing the 'to be or not to be' speech."

He added: "I was asked specifically by the Fleming estate, which is really special."

Asked about Idris Elba's chances as the first black Bond in cinema, Oyelowo said he was "ripe" for the role.

He said: "A titan on screen, he has all the qualities that you'd want in a James Bond. Because films and TV affect culture, a black Bond would be a cultural event ... a statement ... beyond just entertainment."

Rick Ross can now travel, but not perform, says judge

Popular US rapper Rick Ross can finally continue being the "Boss" he has always been, TMZ reports. A judge gave him approval to start travelling, but there are several restrictions, including an ankle monitor. Ross was in an Atlanta court on Thursday a happy man, since his travel restrictions were lifted. He has been unable to leave his house since he posted a \$2 million (Sh200 million) bail last month in his assault case. In court, Ross was told he must give the District Attorney five days notice of any travel, including flight times, where he's staying, and why he has to go. He gets a two-hour grace period to get to his house, once he returns to Atlanta.



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BUZZ: Why did you leave Mother in Law?

It was time. I was there for eight years and I needed something more challenging in my career.

But you were one of the star attractions in the show

You leave when you're still on top, not after people get bored, you exit when you're still hot.

Did you have a backup plan when you left?

Of course I had a plan B. I'm working with Abel Mutua, we have a company called Phil-It Productions. I'm progressing from being an actor to a producer.

Do you miss the small screen?

I'm not done with acting, I'll now be starring in my own shows. I'm working on one now that we created with Tamima Ibrahim and should be out soon.

Will we still see your glamorous side?

Definitely.

How did you land the hosting gig for Sugar and Spice?

Did you know I went for the auditions the first time and didn't get it? My mom wasn't feeling well at the time and I couldn't concentrate. Chao Mwatela ended up getting the job but she never came back for the next season. I auditioned again and finally got it. It's not something that was handed to me. Hosting a show was going to be the next thing that I needed to do, I'm going to be the next Oprah so I might as well start now.

You get dolled up for your job every day, isn't it exhausting sitting through hair, makeup and wardrobe daily?

You can never get tired of being fabulous, how could you? It gives you character, oomph and confidence. That's the best part of my job, getting dolled up and wearing nice clothes.

Speaking of fashion, how much do you spend on clothes in a month?

Oh my God, I spend a lot of money, I'm an impulse buyer. If I like it I will buy it, I spend... I don't know.

What's the most expensive thing in your closet?

I don't have anything in particular that's expensive, but some few dresses range from sh25,000 to Sh30,000. I love dressing up.

You share a lot with your fans on social media, doesn't that open doors to criticism and backlash?

When you become a public figure your life is open to speculation. I don't want to give people room to speculate, I give it to them so that they don't work so hard to fabricate stories. I don't have much to hide anyway, I'm just Catherine, I think I should have a reality show, I don't know.

Would you star in one?

I think I should, I love sharing my life with my fans because it's been a journey. I got into the industry at 21 and I'm in my late 20's. I feel like the fans have become my family.

Being an actor for so long, is there anything you wish you could

From an extra to the star of the show, Kenyans have watched Catherine Kamau's star shine brighter by the day. Selina, as many of her fans now call her after her break out performance in Mother in Law, is not one to dream small and makes no apologies for the success she has had. She spoke to **JOSEPHINE MOSONGO**

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change about the TV industry?

People take actors for granted and it's just sad when you work and don't get paid. I'm lucky I've not gone through that. But it hurts when you shoot a whole season and someone decides to pay you half your money or doesn't pay you at all. It's something I want to change and that's why when we started our company with Abel and Phil we said, if we don't have money to pay anyone we'd rather not do a project than use someone. It's disgusting and annoying. When you are at Phil-It you know you are taken care of.

If you were to ever be out of a job, do you count yourself lucky because you have a production company to fall back on?

I thank God for Abel Mutua and Phil because they talked to me and told me I can be a brand. But we have to pass the baton, I want to mentor young girls and give them an opportunity to showcase their talent. Sometimes you see the same faces in every programme and it's about time we gave new talent a chance and that's what we are about.

You are very close with Ida Alisha (Olive in Mother in Law), do you guys ever fight?

We do fight, our friendship has been through a lot. When she first joined the show I felt like she was my baby and I needed to take care of her. She's so young but so wise, she keeps me in check.

You don't hide your relationship with Phil Karanja

We tried to but with time everyone knew. I think we are the perfect example that you can be in the spotlight and still be together, I mean look at Nameless and Wahu, I think we are the "Nameless and Wahu" of the acting industry. It's just another aspect of my life that I can share with my fans, but he's very shy. He's part of my life and unfortunately my life is an open book. He's used to it though. Sometimes I will post something and he'll call to ask if he has to comment, but I tell him he doesn't have to.

Are you guys planning to take the relationship a step further, any wedding bells?

Yes, but there's a lot of pressure from people. If it's a wedding people will know about it weeks after it has happened. Some things in life are just supposed to be about you, right now I'm thinking even 100 people will do, somewhere very far then we'll share the photos weeks later.

Are you related to anyone in Mother in Law?

Just Tina, she's my first cousin.

How long have you been a Harpic ambassador?

Since 2012, and I have renewed the contract till 2017.

That sounds like a great deal

It was sheer luck and blessings. When it comes down to jobs, never complain. I joined Mother-in-Law as an extra, I was supposed to just dance and go home. I danced so hard I was paid Sh5,000 instead of just Sh1,000. I was then given a role as a secretary, Naomi Kamau was the writer then and she decided to give me a few more roles, and I killed it. Sometimes patience pays, you never know who's watching. I never knew how big Harpic was and it's the biggest thing in my career right now. I've been able to drive and change cars and send my son to a good school. I never saw this coming. It's not because I'm better: it's luck, determination and God, and maybe being in the right place at the right time.

How much are they paying you?

Let's just say I'm happy.

Do people still approach you as the character Selina?

They do, there was a time I was in the supermarket and this girl just sneered at me, I just stood there wondering whether we were supposed to have a showdown. But when people talk to me they realise I'm not that person.

You've been hitting the gym a lot lately

I'm doing it for health reasons, I don't want to be skinny and I don't want to die young. And of course when I wear that dress and there are no folds I feel good. I wouldn't mind getting the Michelle Obama arms too.

What keeps you motivated?

Working out is the latest craze on Instagram and everyone has abs. it's the most positive influence I've gotten from social media. By posting my workout photos I encourage a lot women, they inbox, DM and encourage me as well. I feel I'm making an impact and I can't stop because I feel I'm accountable to them, and they have to see results.

Does your boyfriend join you in the gym?

He's actually part of the reason I started working out, he's into fitness, and when your boyfriend looks good you also want to look good.

What's your opinion on women in the acting industry who give sexual favours to get roles?

You can only go so far. There will always be a younger and hotter girl after you. I feel bad because some are genuinely working hard, but to each their own. There's nothing as beautiful as a woman who works hard and gains from her own sweat, that's attractive. Don't wait on a man to give you a life, build your own. I've always been strong headed and driven and I think it comes from my mom. I've never thought of a man as a means to success, they just admire my success, it's better that way.

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The revolution in technological innovations have over the years positioned Kenya as a regional leader in the field. The fastest growing field perhaps, is the mobile communication sector. It was the ultimate endorsement to Kenya when President Barack Obama, on his trip to Kenya for the Global Entrepreneurship Summit lauded the innovative spirit of Kenyans.

“Young people like you are harnessing technology to change the way Africa is doing business,” said Obama. “Here in Nairobi, startup incubators are nurturing new businesses every day, each with the potential to be the great next Kenyan innovation.”

Obama also singled out Jamila Abass because of her Mfarm app. “I’m hopeful because of a young woman named Jamila Abass. So Jamila founded Mfarm, which is a mobile platform that is already used by over 14,000 people across Kenya. Mfarm makes it easy for farmers to get information that lets them match their crops with what the market demands. And studies show that it can help farmers double their sales. So here’s what Jamila said: “I love Kenya because you feel you are home anywhere you go.”

President Uhuru Kenyatta who co-hosted the summit also recognised mobile phone applications which have made Kenyan lives better.

“Kenyans, using their mobile phone airtime inspired the development of M-PESA, now the world’s leading mobile money platform,” he said.

But even with praise for globally renowned innovations like M-Pesa, Ushahidi and MKopa, mobile phone app developers are struggling to get a breakthrough financially as investors are not forthcoming.

According to app developer Robinson Ondieki Obare, developing apps is an expensive business venture and unfortunately the consumption is very low.

Robinson Ondieki Obare

App: Origicheck Platform: Android

With counterfeit being a huge problem in Kenya, Ondieki sought to find a simple solution to a recurring problem that could help consumers tell apart real and genuine products from imitations. Origicheck is an app that helps buyers identify whether a product from a manufacturer is original or counterfeit. For him, it was about finding local solutions to local problems.

Origicheck, with almost 2,000 downloads was developed this year and is the third phone application he has developed under his company Kleva Solutions including Safaricom Shortcuts; an app that he says has the most downloads so far, about 10,000.

Origicheck cost about \$10,000 (Sh1 million) to develop and release to the market.

Ondieki says the success of an app is in how critical it is to the users.

“An app’s success depends on how many people download and use it. It depends on how vital the app is to them otherwise it is useless,” he says.

“The consumption rate of Kenyan apps by Kenyans is however very low,” he admits.

Darius Kiprotich App: Kalenjin Hymn, Kalenjin Bible Platform: Android

The app was developed by Kiprotich with the intention of reaching out positively to his community. And what better way to do that than through hymnal songs and the New Testament Bible in his vernacular language, Kalenjin.

Together with his brother, Kiprotich developed and released the Kalenjin Bible app a month ago. Before that, they had already worked on the hymn book; something he says was simple since hymns in vernacular are easily accessible.

With the New Testament script in text, it was easy formulating it into an app.

“After the hymn book we didn’t know how to get the New Testament

Bible in text but someone gave it to us. The challenge is in changing the hard copy to text,” says Kiprotich.

According to the reviews on Google Play, users wish to soon have the Old Testament Kalenjin Bible. However, finding the text has been the biggest obstacle preventing them from developing one. If they don’t find it in text soon, Kiprotich says they’ll have to hire people to write it down.

So far, the app has 1,000 downloads but Kiprotich says other times, people send the app to each other via Bluetooth so it is hard to track the numbers. For now the app is hosted on Google Play for free and after that they will have to pay for the space.

John Slater App: Mpesa Pay Bill Directory Platform: Ovi Store

The Mpesa Pay Bill Directory was developed by Slater when the Ovi Store was still in use. Basically, the app listed all the pay bill numbers and one could directly SMS the business numbers to their phone without going through the hustle of cramming them each time the need arose.

At the time, the app had about 3,000 downloads but Slater says he did not give the app time to grow after the Ovi Store moved to the Opera Store.

Like other app developers, his biggest issue was how to monetise.

“Our model isn’t right; people don’t buy apps, they instead prefer to download the free ones. When was the last time an app developer made money from their own apps?” he asks.

Slater reveals that it is only until corporate companies approach them to develop apps for them that they make money. Slater

opted not to port his apps to other platforms and in its place ventured into websites.

Jonathan Kibet App: BlackSpotter Platform: Android

Accidents occur every other day on the road, and with Black Spotter, it becomes easy for motorists to find out which routes to avoid. The developer, Kibet, a third year student came up with the app that alerts users of black spots and road accidents 500 metres away from the scene.

Kibet says an app is only as good as its interactions with users. “Something as simple and small as font can turn off people away from your app,” he discloses. Kibet who works alone developed the app last year. He says it has been hard to concentrate on maintaining the app because school takes up much of his time. That aside finding a good server has been frustrating.

But even with his school schedule, Kibet also has another app; Amigos which he says is an improvement of Whatsapp because users can send any type of files including PDF’s.

But there is very little money in developing apps. It cost him Sh2,500 to open an account for his apps.

“In the last three months I have only made Sh100. No one pays for apps, I cannot depend on the app,” he says. “It’s better to develop an app for someone else and get paid like Sh100,000 but those jobs are far and in between.”

Juma Owori App: Ongea Platform: Android Ongea is a chat application that uses

geolocation features to match users of similar interests closest to where they are.

“For example, if you are in a certain location and are interested in meeting new people who are programmers, and maybe of a particular gender, the app will list them and you can initiate a chat with them,” explains Owori who is developing the app as a project.

He came up with the idea last year and it has been two months since he developed the app. He is currently adding extra features and expects it to be done in the next month. Although he hasn’t yet fully launched it, it already has 100 downloads. Owori says he makes money through adverts.

The only cost he has incurred is paying for internet which amounts to Sh8,000 for two months. He has also developed several other apps which include: Safari Save, Pata-pawa, Wildebeast Android Game, Foodbei, Beac, Kashpoa, Agent Android App.

Joshua Mutua Nzuki App: KejaHunt Android, Web

KejaHunt helps the low and middle income earners to find houses without the hustle of using agents. With a team of three, Mutua took three months to develop the app then released it in March this year. It now boasts over 6,000 users. Their challenge however was getting the app to work with all android versions.

At first, Mutua says the app wasn’t received well until they made a change to the current version of the app. But how do they make money off the app?

“We charge our users for personalised house hunts and landlords to get them tenants,” says Mutua who acknowledges that not every app makes money. He continues to say “App developers should spend more time understanding their users and less time writing code.”

KejaHunt cost Sh300,000 to develop and now has seven employees.

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Local Apps yet to gain traction



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Tusker Malt new look bottle launch



1. Kato Change on the guitar during the unveiling of the new look Tusker Malt bottle.
2. Aaron Rimbui on the piano.
3. DJ Adrian and his fans Breanah Wairium (left) and Beatrice Mumo.

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Industry Nite's 20th edition celebration show



1. Rapper Njeri Gathara aka Njesh performing at the 20th edition of 'Industry Nite'.
2. Karen "Kaz" Lucas and Sofi Leteipa.
3. Miss Karun performing.
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with WAMBUI KIBUE

Couture Africa and SKYY vodka joined forces to launch a design challenge for East African artists. Designers Adele Dejak, Babalika, Katungulu Mwendwa, Kooroo and Loyangalani were asked to create a limited edition menswear accessory from recycled blue SKYY Vodka glasses. The preview cocktail featured a catwalk with each designer's expression of their individual perspective and style. The pieces, which included two necklaces, an arm band, a brooch and a pair of cufflinks were beautiful, well-crafted and designed but sadly too few to really capture the crowd's attention. The designers created the one-of-a-kind accessories from a variety of materials including brass, bone and leather. Two designs that caught my eye were Katungulu's sleeve garter and Kooroo's lapel pin for their striking simplicity, craftsmanship and sophistication. Beautiful as they were, it remains unclear if the pieces will go into mass production and be available for the public to purchase. While Styyled by Nairobi focused on a truly dapper affair for "Today's modern gentlemen", most men and women failed to dazzle in the wardrobe department proving once again that outside of a small cluster of consistently exceptionally dressed fashion lovers, Nairobi has miles of progress to cover when it comes to theme dressing. In a sprinkle of well put together accessorized looks drowning in a sea of underwhelming and unimaginative dark suits, DJ Zelalem was the night's best dressed in a waistcoat and slim fit pants combo coupled with multiple accessories. Ladies made a bit more of an effort. Looking notably trendy in blue skater skirts, both Sarah Hassan and DJ Pierra paired them with white vests. Applause for Michelle Muthoni who stood out as the evening's best dressed in a cobalt blue high slit gown. Have a great week beautiful people. @MissAngelsmile



1. Sarah Hassan.
2. Designer Firyal Nur Al Hossain.
3. Pascal Lamothe.
4. A model shows off accessories by Katungulu Mwendwa.
5. Rugby star Biko Adema and his girlfriend Michelle Muthoni.
6. Sauti Sol's Polycarp with Wambui.
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She wrote a letter worth Sh100,000

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Letters give comfort and reassure the receiver while relieving the sender of some discomfort or need to pass particular information. Unless one sends a parcel with a gift, rarely do letters give more than emotional satisfaction. But Phydes Mwanjumwa Wanjala's letter won her Sh100,000.

The Form One student at Maryhill Girls' High School, Thika, wrote a 973-word letter, which she submitted to the International Letter Writing Competition for Young People. The 14-year-old was judged best in the Kenyan chapter in the letter writing competition themed

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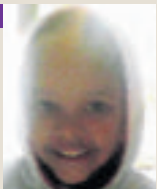


ZANITA WANGUI GATHAIYA

Wishing you a happy second birthday. Happy many returns of the same. Best wishes from your mum Mercy and dad Gathaiya.

SHANICE WANJIKU IREGI

Happy birthday Shanice as you turn six. We all love you sweets because you hold a special place in our hearts. Best birthday wishes from dad Dan, mum Ann and brother Dylan. May you grow to be a God fearing girl and live to blow 1001 candles.



KYLE LUSALA LOGEDI

Happy sixth birthday son. May God's blessings be with you always. Best wishes from dad Logedi, mum Nancy, aunts, uncles, Gogo, Khukhu and cousins Cecily, Davy and Reyta. We love you.

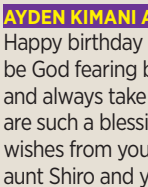
NATALIA NJOKI MAITHO

Happy fourth birthday to the most wonderful daughter in the whole world! You are certainly the most beautiful gift that we've received in our lifetime. May your days be filled with love and joy. Happy birthday Njoki.



ANNA NJAMBI KARANJA

Happy birthday Njambi. You are now seven years old. May God's favour be upon you always. Best wishes from: godmother Carol, dad Solomon, mum Alice, sister Mary and all your classmates in Uthiru Genesis School.



AYDEN KIMANI AND CLAIRE WAMBUI

Happy birthday babies. May you grow to be God fearing babies. May God bless you and always take good care of you. You are such a blessing to our family. Birthday wishes from your mums Ann and Jane, aunt Shiro and your grandpa.



ARNOLD JAVAN BARAK OKELO

Your loving parents John and Dorry wish you a happy birthday. May you see God's favour in all your days. Receive birthday wishes from your sister Amby, grandma, uncles, aunts and cousins. May you grow to be a God-fearing boy. Happy birthday Arnold.

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letters

Let's spend August holiday wisely

Recently, there have been cases of drug and alcohol abuse among young students. We need to change all this and spend our free time wisely. By doing constructive things, we realize our potential and we get motivated towards doing our best. This is the perfect time to improve our skills and talents such as writing, mentoring others, drawing, singing etc. The more skills you have, the more opportunities are open to you in life. Participating in various sports is a good way to get healthy too. Travelling to new places for adventure enables us to make more friends and learn more about other people's cultures. This is a good time to try new interesting things such as cooking a different type of food. Many should also consider making timetables to guide them with doing their holiday homework easily. Visiting libraries to read different good materials also creates room for new ideas and creative writing abilities. Helping with house chores is also necessary. This promotes collective responsibility. We are the future leaders of tomorrow. Let us participate in positive activities which will make us better leaders.

Margaret Wanjiru, University of Nairobi, Department of Actuarial Science

Quotes...

1)) That this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom, and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.

-Abraham Lincoln, 16th American President.

2)) Wealth, if you use it, comes to an end; learning, if you use it, increases.

-Swahili Proverb

3)) For hope is but the dream of those that wake.

-Matthew Prior

4)) Five things constitute perfect virtue: gravity, magnanimity, earnestness, sincerity and kindness.

-Confucius

5)) The essential thing is not knowledge, but character.

-Joseph Le Conte

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Will the new law that local stations should air 60 per cent local music help the growth of the local music industry?

Sammy Kay Sambuli: Yes it will increase the number of upcoming artist venturing into music hence creating jobs.

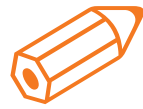
Yobbie Mkenya: Yes...more upcoming artists will get a chance to get their music played hence enhancing more talent utilization in our country other than every now and then having songs from abroad being played whereas they don't

play our music.

David Chege RichMan: Yes it will support our very own but music aired should be of good quality and content.

Grace Wairimu: Yes..however Kenyan musicians should compose and sing good songs that can also attract international audience like the Sauti Sol etc.

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pen pals

Kibata Dennis Kihara Pleasant View Academy P.O.BOX 85, Gathugu, Ruiru. Age 14 Hobbies: travelling, dancing, watching movies and playing football. Would like, penpals, from USA, Uganda, Tanzania and Brazil.

Koike Allan Salau Pleasant View Academy P.O.BOX 85, Gathugu, Ruiru . Age 13 Hobbies: travelling, dancing, watching movies and playing football. Would like, penpals, from USA, Uganda, Tanzania and Brazil.

Utu Wario Ark School Huruma, P.O. BOX 2190-00200 Nairobi. Age: 14 Hobbies: traveling, reading, watching football and swimming. Would like penpals from South Africa, UK, Congo and Ethiopia.

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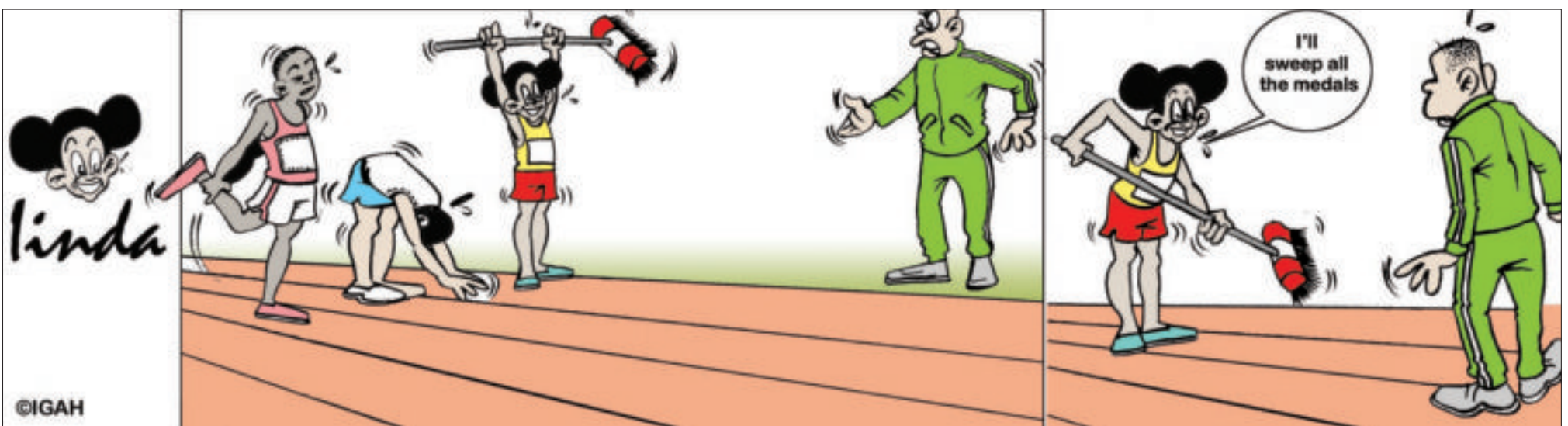
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Ian Koigi Pleasant View Academy P.O.BOX 85, Gathugu, Ruiru . Age 13 Hobbies: travelling, dancing, watching movies and playing football. Would like, penpals, from USA, Uganda, Tanzania and Brazil.

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My Sh100,000 letter: you too can do it

« FROM THE COVER

"The world I would like to grow up in". Phydes outlined that she would like to grow in a world where there is no poaching and pollution. She also wants a world where people have equal wealth, a secure world for all and where our natural resources are conserved with no destruction, among other issues.

"I am happy that my talent in writing has won me a prize. I felt honoured to receive a letter notifying me that my letter has been judged as the best in this year's competition," said Phydes of her first win in a competition.

Second position was a letter submitted by Dennis Machira Gichuki, also 14, and a student at Mang'u High School, while Neville Bowers Bruno Reginald, a pupil at MM Shah Primary School in Kisumu emerged third overall.

Phydes learnt of the competition from her English teacher, Ms Regina Wambui, who encouraged the students to submit their entries for the annual competition organised by the Universal Postal Union (UPU). Officially launched in 1971, the competition has seen millions of young people all over the world, up to age 15, participate at national and international levels. The competition, which draws participants from all the 192 UPU



PHOTO | MWORIA MUCHINA

Phydes Mwanjumwa Wanjala, (centre), is congratulated by her school principal Imelda Barasa (left) and her English teacher Regina Wambui after her letter won her a cash prize of Sh100,000.

member countries is an excellent way of making young people aware of the important role postal services play in our societies even in the digital era. It also helps them develop their composition writing skills and the ability to express their thoughts clearly, while enjoying letter writing and thus helping strengthen the bonds of international friendship, one of the basic missions of the UPU.

Reading Phydes letter, one

cannot fail to notice her good command of language, which she says is due to her love for reading novels during her free time. "Currently, I am reading a novel titled, 'A Sea of Stars'. By reading a lot I am able to improve on my vocabulary and learn more about the art of good writing," says Phydes, who likes languages, Physics, Biology and Chemistry in class. Interestingly, she says she would like a career as a

neurosurgeon.

Talking about letter writing, the winner advises that it is good to know about good letter writing skills especially when writing an application letter. "These days most employers receive a lot of job application letters so if you stand out with your good letter writing skills, you stand a chance to be considered first," she advises.

According to her English teacher, her win came not as a surprise since she has consistently been the best student in languages in her class. The words echoed by the school's principal who congratulated her for the win since that will encourage more girls to participate in future competitions. Phydes has also excelled in public speaking during the annual national music festivals.

Saying that she is yet to decide how she will spend her prize money, Phydes adds that her hobbies include swimming, reading novels and riding bikes.

The Postal Corporation of Kenya will award the first three winners of this year's International Letter Writing Competition for Young People during the World Post Day celebrations to be marked on October 9, in Nairobi.

Other entries which were recognised were submitted by



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Phydes displays a copy of the letter she wrote.

Lynette Wangui Ndirangu, a pupil at Nyeri Primary School, Nicole Atieno, 13, Victoria Primary School in Kisumu and Yvette Odoyo from Mbale Shalom Academy, Vihiga County.



UNIVERSAL POSTAL UNION- THE 2016 INTERNATIONAL LETTER WRITING COMPETITION FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AGED 15 YEARS AND BELOW AND WINNERS OF THE 2015 COMPOSITIONS/ ESSAYS.



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The Postal Corporation of Kenya (PCK) in collaboration with the Universal Postal Union (UPU- International Bureau), invites young people aged 15 years and below to participate in the 45th International Letter Writing Competition for Young People (2016).

The topic is: **"Write a letter to your 45 year old self".**

Competition rules are as follows:

1. The composition should be presented in the form of a letter.
2. The composition **MUST** include the first name and surname, date of birth as well as sex of the participant.
3. The composition should not exceed **800 words**.
4. The participant should indicate both private and school addresses for ease of communication. The telephone number of the school and parents/ guardians should be included.
5. Parents/guardians and teachers should **NOT** assist in the composition writing.
6. The compositions must be submitted to the address below on or before **31st March 2016**.
7. All compositions must be sent by Post to the address given below. Appropriate postage stamps should be affixed on each envelope.
8. Only one entry will be allowed in each envelope posted.

All entries should be sent to:
The Postmaster General
Postal Corporation of Kenya
P. O. Box 34567, GPO, 00100
Nairobi

Att: Manager/Corporate Communications & Public Affairs

The prizes for the top three winners are as follows:

1. **First prize : Kshs. 100,000**
2. **Second prize: Kshs. 50,000**
3. **Third prize: Kshs. 30,000.**

The Postal Corporation of Kenya will award winners of 2015 International Letter Writing Competition on **Friday 9th October 2015 in Nairobi** during the World Post Day Celebrations, marked every year worldwide.

WINNERS OF 2015 INTERNATIONAL LETTER WRITING COMPETITION FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AGED 15 YEARS AND BELOW

Item	Position	Name	School
1.	1 st Winner	Miss Phydes Mwanjumwa Wanjala 14 years	Maryhill Girls' High School P. O. Box 9, 01000 THIKA
2.	2 nd Winners	Master Dennis Machira Gichuki 14 years	Mang'u High School P. O. Box 314, 01000 THIKA
3.	3 rd Winners	Master Neville Bowers Bruno Reginald 14 years	M.M. Shah Primary School P. O. Box 84- 40100 KISUMU
4.	3 rd Winners	Miss Lynette Wangui Ndirangu 12 years	Nyeri Primary School P. O. Box 100- 10100 NYERI
5.	3 rd Winners	Miss Nicole Atieno 13 years	Victoria Primary School P. O. Box 228, 40100 KISUMU
6.	3 rd Winners	Miss Yvette Odoyo 14 years	Mbale Shalom Academy P. O. Box 1405- 50300 MARAGOLI

Prepared by:
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Headteachers/ Principals,

"Please display this notice on your school's notice board to encourage student participation for the 2016 competition."



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Young girl sets new record in mountain climbing

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When eight-year old Isobel Spence from England arrived in Kenya last August, she had one mission. To scale the heights of education at the leading international school in Kenya, Greensteds International School in Nakuru county.

On arrival, the eloquent speaking Isobel who hails from Newcastle, was greatly attracted by the high quality of education in Kenya and hospitality of the locals and also fell in love with the mother nature as she explored Kenya.

And her love of the countryside has seen her enter into the local mountain climbing books of record as at only eight years and four months, she is now believed to be the youngest person to get to Lenana peak which at 16,354 is the third highest summit after Batian at 17,056ft and Nelion at 17,019ft.

According to the latest available records, the youngest person to climb up to Lenana peak was eight years and ten months.



PHOTO | COURTESY

Young Isobel Spence at the Lenana peak of Mt Kenya recently.

This has seen Isobel turn into a celebrity in the school for her latest achievement which has baffled both her friends and the rest of the school fraternity.

"When I first joined my dad for an excursion to climb Mt Kenya, it never crossed my mind that I will turn out to be the youngest mountain climber in Kenya. When my dad broke the good news that I was the youngest mountain climber in Kenya, I felt like a queen on top of the beautiful Mt Kenya," Isobel told the Young Nation.

Isobel received congratulations messages and praises for making the school proud and hoisting its flag at the third highest summit on Mt Kenya.

She said: "When I go back home for holidays I will start a campaign to encourage my friends and relatives to visit Kenya and climb Mt Kenya and have feel and touch of one of the most beautiful and scenic part of Africa. Mt Kenya is just a lovely place to be. It's a life

time experience like no any other one."

She said when she finally reached Lenana peak after three days of climbing, falling and dodging huge rocks she felt as if she had conquered the world. "Although I was exhausted and tired, I felt happy and it gave me a great hope of climbing the next two highest peaks of Mt Kenya as I have never climbed any mountain Africa."

And what advice does she have for young mountain climbers who will one day ant to have a feel of Mt Kenya? "One must prepare adequately at least three days before setting for the journey by making sure all the necessary climbing materials including boots, heavy jackets, sweaters and protective sunglasses, snacks and an extra pair of heavy boots and some snacks to keep you going when things get tougher."

Her father Toby Spence, who is also the headmaster at the school, said mountain climbing is part of the school outdoor education programme dubbed Greensteps, which has huge benefits to the learners.

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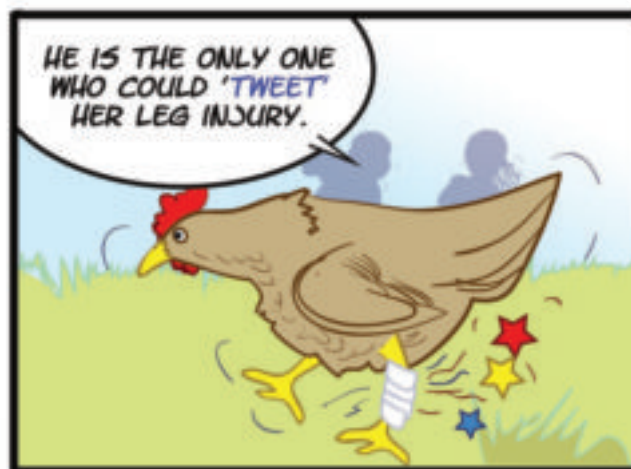
THE EDIBLE FROG'S LEGS ARE A DELICACY

The edible frog, (*Pelophylax kl. esculentus*) is a name for a common European frog, also known as the common water frog or green frog.

The frog's scientific name means both "mud" and "guardian" as they are known to never stray far from water, almost guarding the muddy banks. It was first described in 1758 and has adopted it's name as the "edible" Frog due to the fact that they are now a culinary delicacy in France, particularly the legs.

These frogs are most active during the day. Small invertebrates such as insects, spiders, moths and flies make up their diet.

However, they are under threat since much of their natural habitat has been tampered with. Due to their permeable skin, they are also particularly susceptible to water pollution.



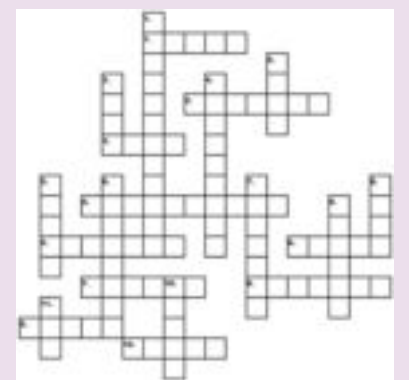
Crossword

ACROSS:

- The sport associated with scrams and punts.
- The sport associated with the word 'en garde.'
- The proverb, 'as the _____ is bent, so is the tree inclined.'
- Something that seems too weird to be true, real or practical.
- Sir is to madam, while Sultan is to _____?
- A group of servants.
- The country associated with the famous 'Sombrero' hat.
- The proverb, '_____ begins at home.'
- A group of ships.
- 'To be under a _____.' The idiom that means to be in trouble.

DOWN:

- A doctor's written instruction for medication.
- Two words that go together: Give and take, and, null and _____?
- 'Dead _____.' The idiom that means to be exhausted.



- A punctuation mark used to separate stuff when listing them.
- The simile, 'as white as a _____'?
- A medical application on the skin to ease pain.
- Drake is to duck, while _____ is to heifer.
- Two words that go together: _____ and blow, and, one and all.
- The country known as the 'Holy Land' of the sport of soccer.
- A punctuation mark that is often used along with (No. 4 Down).
- The simile, 'as _____ as the hills.'

Easy Sudoku

The rules of Sudoku are quite simple. You are presented with a 6x6 grid of boxes, some empty, some filled with numbers in the range of 1 to 6. That gives you 2 rows, 3 columns and also 2 larger squares of 2x3 boxes.

The idea of Sudoku is to completely fill the empty grid squares with numbers in such a way that the following conditions hold true:

- Every row should contain the numbers 1 to 6 but should not repeat the numbers 1 to 6 at any point within that row.
- Every column should contain the numbers 1 to 6 but should not repeat the numbers 1 to 6 at any point within that column.

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Fees reward to the best writers

BY ANITA CHEPKOECH

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Students in western Kenya have an opportunity to write essays for money courtesy of a sponsorship deal by the Kenya Pipeline Company.

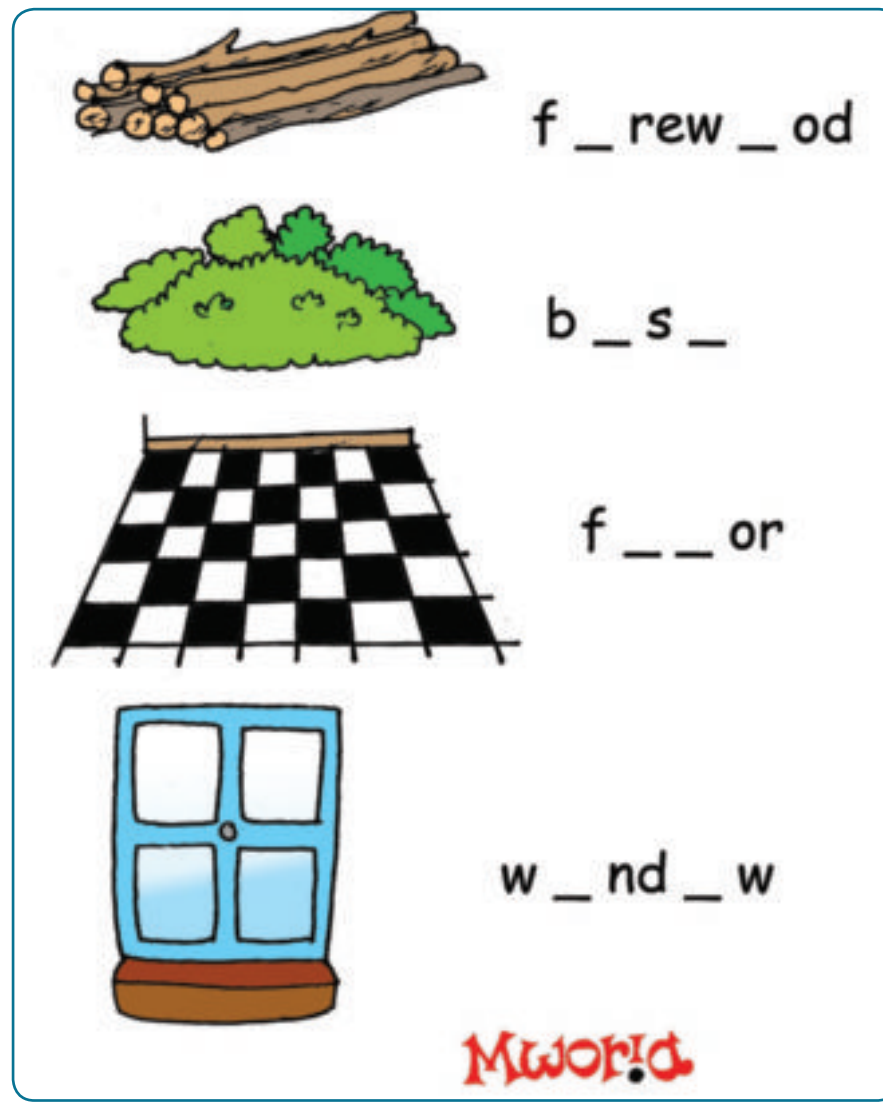
The contest requires students aged below 18 years to write an English essay of not less than 800 words on the role that KPC plays in the national economy.

Speaking to *Young Nation*, Mr Jason Nyantino, KPC communication manager said they will use the initiative as an opportunity for students to showcase their creativity, sea of ideas and love of writing and to win coveted prizes.

The overall winner will receive a one year full school fee sponsorship, while the runners up will receive leaning materials.

"The learners will battle it out for plenty of prizes ranging from bursaries to an attractive bouquet of learning materials and certificates. The best essay in every school will win sponsorship for school fees while there will be other gifts for the runners up," said Mr Nyantino.

The contest will be the first for the company that supervises the distribution of oil and gas across Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania.



Origin of words/ things/ names

BAPTISM

This is a Christian religious ceremony in which a person (child or adult) is sprinkled or immersed in water to symbolise purification or a renewal. In Christian baptisms, a person is often given a new name.

The word baptism has its origins in the Greek word 'baptizo' whose meaning is 'to dip' (in this context in water). The verb is Obaptoō whose root meaning is 'to change the identity of.' This is because when you dip or 'bapto' something in a liquid e.g. a coloured liquid, you change its colour and identity.

Amongst the Jews, the dipping of priests and temple utensils in water was part of their religious culture. Some modern religions view the emersion of a person in water to be the 'true' baptism – as opposed to the sprinkling of water.



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photo album



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1. Pupils of Nairobi Primary School display their winning trophy last week during the Kenya National Music Festival in Kisumu.

2. Pupils of Sirio School, Mombasa Region, after presenting a Swahili choral verse "Taa" during the Kenya National Music Festivals.

3. Pupils of Pleasant View Academy, Githunguri cheer during the sports day at the school last week.

4. Buchangu Primary School from Nzoia present an Africa Folk Song during the finalist concert held at the CITAM, Kisumu.





YOUNG POLO PLAYER WANTS TO JOIN INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE

It has been eight years since Rodger Gatheca rode a horse for the first time.

While it started off as a fun activity the passion was instant and the 11-year-old is now gearing up to achieve great heights in polo. Polo is a team game resembling hockey, played on horseback with long-handled mallets and a wooden or plastic ball.

"Not many people understand this game but nevertheless, I still want to be the best player in Kenya and in the world," says Gatheca. He has been riding horses so far but has not participated in a major competition.

"As soon as my parents give me permission to start playing competitive Polo, I will not hesitate. I think I am ready for it and I believe it will not take long before convincing them that I am ready," says Gatheca.

When he started riding horses his parents thought he was just taking after his elder brother, little did they know he had trained his sights on polo.

"It was very difficult for me to start learning to ride



PHOTO | FRANKLINE AKHUBULA
Rodger Gatheca during a practice session at Jamhuri Grounds.

horses," recalls Rodger. "It was scary but because my aspiration has always been to becoming a polo player, I kept on practicing. My friend told me that for one to be a good polo player, one must learn many tricks of riding horses because that will improve your passing skills while riding."

When he is not training during weekends, he attends competitions at the Jamhuri Showground in Nairobi. Children are taught jumping skills and compete among themselves. Gatheca started taking part in these competitions last year and is one of the most improved riders.

He encourages his friends to start riding horses and possibly play polo. "I want to encourage as many of my friends and fans as possible to join this game. Some are already enjoying the game," says the Standard Six pupil at Kilimani Junior Academy.

While he started riding horses when only three, he believes the best age to start is at least when one is five years old.

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ANSWERS:

Across:

1. Rugby 2. Fencing 3. Twig 4. Ridiculous 5. Sultana
6. Staff 7. Mexico 8. Charity 9. Fleet 10. Cloud

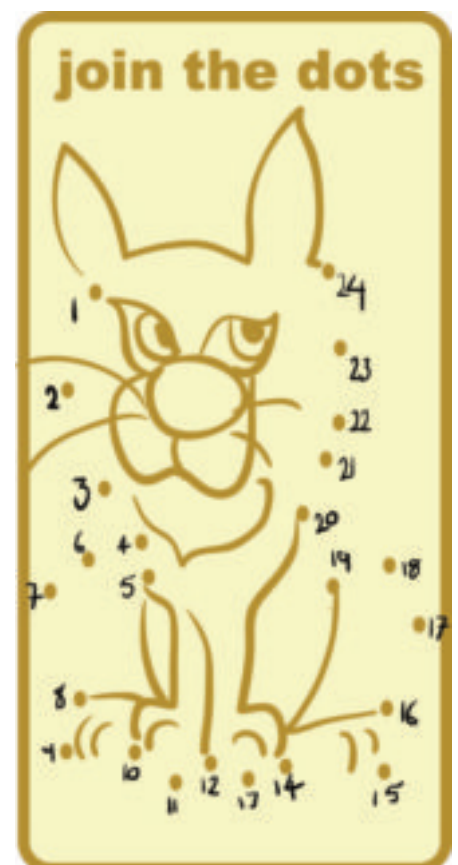
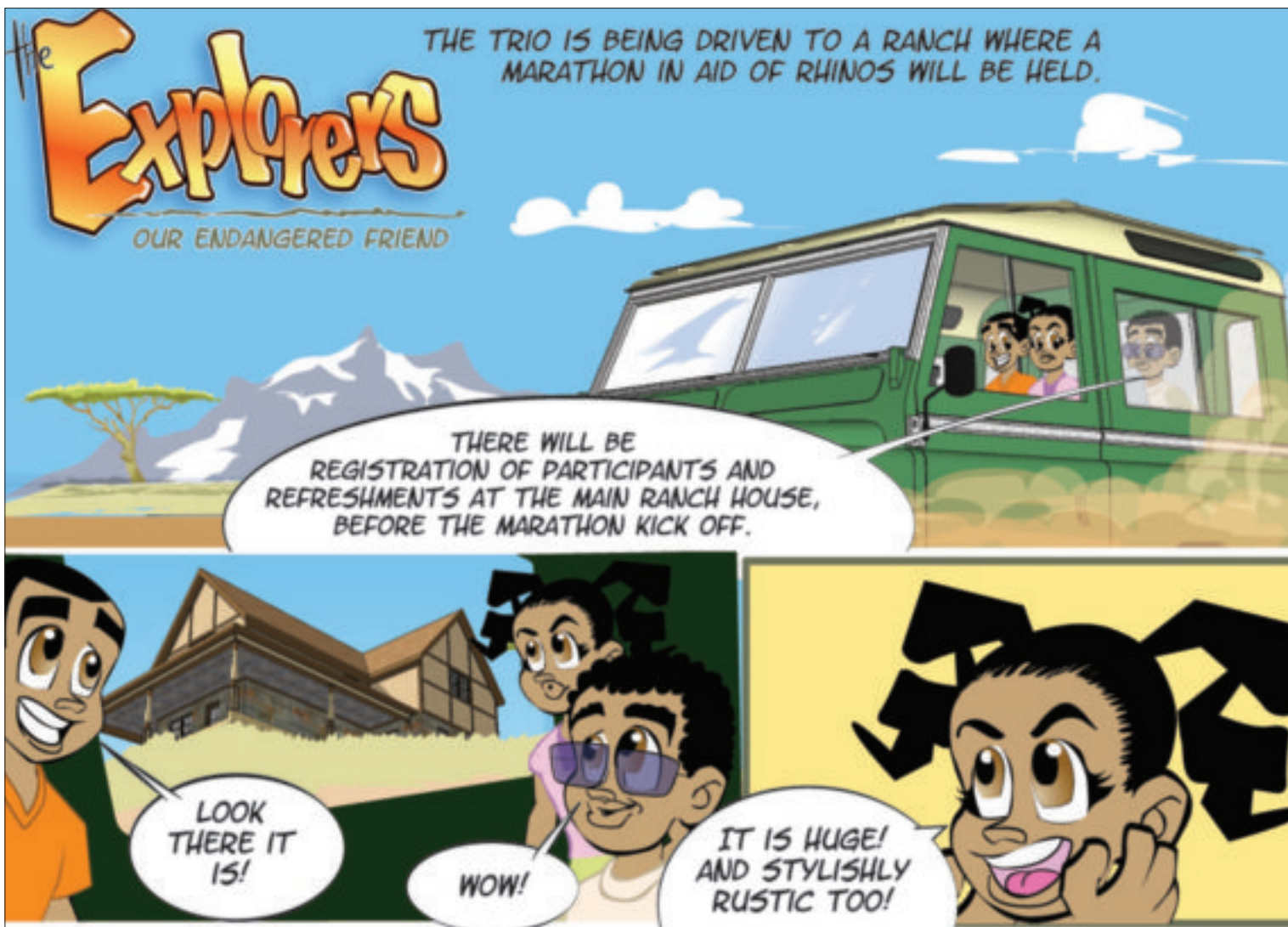
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6. Ointment 7. Bullock 8. Puff 9. Brazil 10. Colon 11. Old

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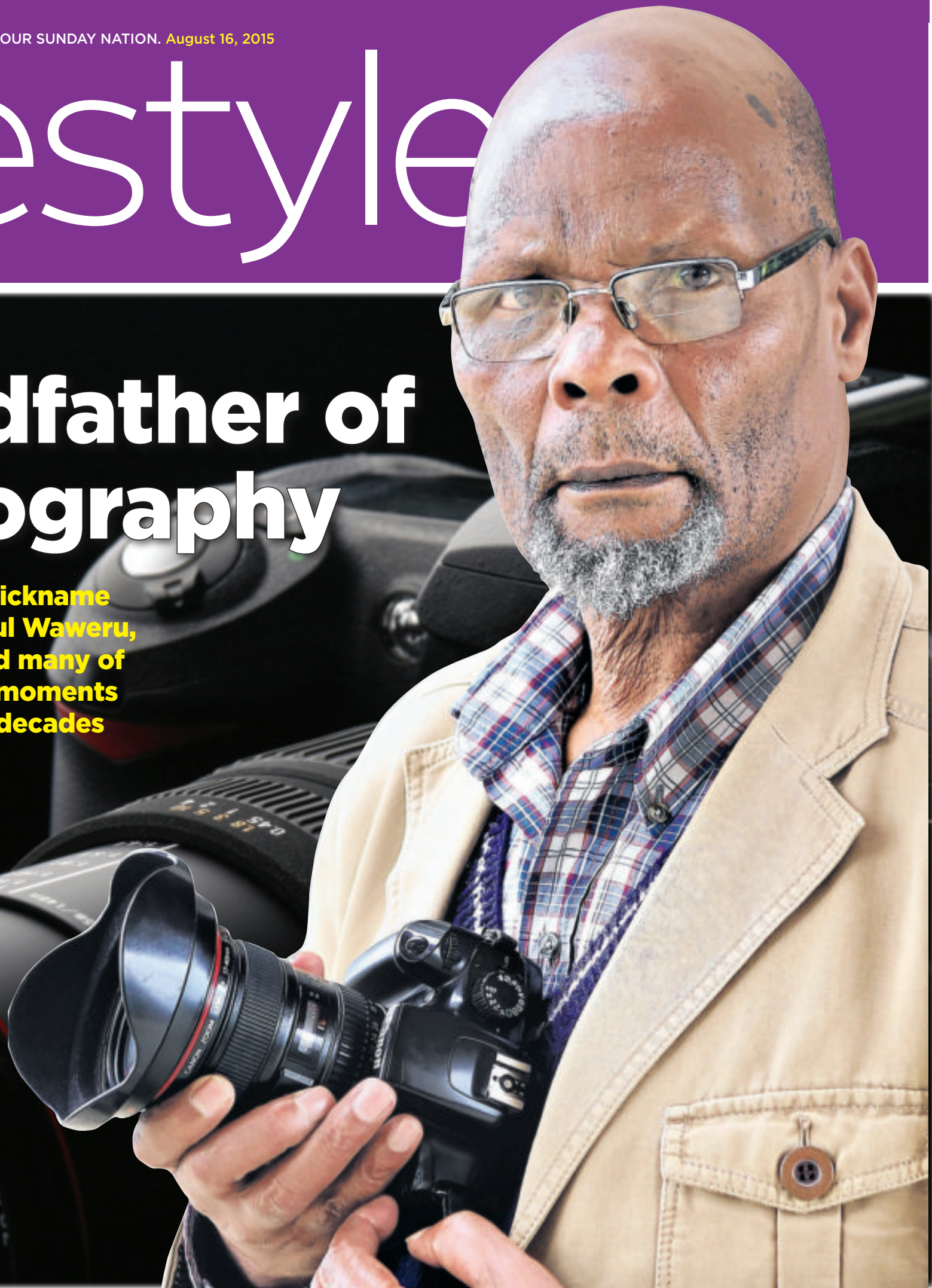
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lifestyle

Grandfather of photography

His newsroom nickname is Babu; and Paul Waweru, 68, has captured many of Kenya's crucial moments for almost four decades
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top stories

‘eggstra-ordinary’

Four-yolk egg turns breakfast into feast



An ordinary Sunday morning breakfast of eggs on toast turned into an “eggstraordinary” one when a woman in the UK cracked open an egg with four yolks, the *Daily Telegraph* reports. Jan Long describes the giant egg as a mega monster. It was almost three inches long, six inches in diameter and weighed nearly 0.11kg, around three times the size of a normal egg. Jan, 63, said she spotted it when it was delivered to the shop where she works as a volunteer. Jan says: “We had never seen anything that big before. Everyone in the shop was interested in it, but I’m quick off the mark. I had to have it”. She paid Sh227 for a pack of half a dozen eggs with the giant included and shared it with husband Richard on toast for breakfast on Sunday morning. “It was wonderful. I cooked it for my husband and it was delicious,” she states. “I thought it tasted much richer than a normal egg. There was a much more powerful eggy taste...”

smart underwear

Pants for superheroes

Smart underwear designed to protect men from radiation emitted by smartphones has been unveiled by a British scientist. Described by Sir Richard Branson as “underpants for superheroes”, the Wireless Armour underwear contains a mesh of pure silver woven into the fabric. It shields against electromagnetic radiation, which is emitted from devices such as smartphones, tablets and laptops. According to *The Telegraph*, inventor Joseph Perkins said that the growing popularity of smart, but radiation-emitting, devices prompted him to take action. “Like so many people, my smartphone and laptop use has increased in recent years, which made me realise that I was exposing myself to large amounts of radiation, mostly centred on my groin,” he said. “With my physics background I knew there must be a way to shield from radiation using a simple solution. Wireless Armour has been tested by an industry leader in wireless shielding and the results show that our fabric shields against 99.9pc of the radiation,” he said.

obituary

RIAGA OGALO
1933-2015

In the cast of prominent elders — some well-respected, others less so — Meshack Riaga Ogalo stood out. Whether it was his tussle to retain the chairmanship of the Luo Council of elders, his pronouncements on political and social issues in his distinctive manner, or the curious trips to

visit Libya’s then leader Muammar Gaddafi, the elder from Oyugis was hard to ignore. He was the vice chair of the National Council of Elders and was involved with the House of Traditional Elders of Kenya, an amorphous group linked to Goldenberg scandal architect Kamlesh Pattni. Then there was his on-and-off friendship with political kingpin Raila Odinga that attracted considerable interest.

Indeed, Mzee Ogalo was never shy of making political statements, sometimes urging his community not to follow political parties blindly. In recent months he had taken a low profile, and on Wednesday his family announced he had died at Nairobi’s Kenyatta National Hospital following kidney and heart problems. Born in 1933, Mzee Ogalo was married to Eunita Riaga (deceased), Cyprine Riaga and Jane Riaga.



picture story



SYMBOL OF UNITY: People look at the mechanical Horse Dragon Long Ma as part of its return from China on to the workshops of La Machine, a French production company in Nantes. The Horse Dragon was created in 2014 by La Machine to celebrate the 50th anniversary of diplomatic relations between France and China. AFP | PHOTO

unholy trick

Bhang in a Bible

A woman in the US is accused of trying to pass marijuana cigarettes and some tobacco – hidden inside a Bible – to an inmate in jail. Monika Marie Ryans, 24, is accused of furnishing a prisoner with alcohol or drugs by the Union County Sheriff’s Office. An incident report states Monika brought a Bible to the Union County Jail last Friday afternoon. The jail supervisor called for a deputy after thinking the Bible may have contained contraband. The supervisor noted the Bible “didn’t look or feel right” according to the report and had it X-rayed. The deputy opened the Bible and says he found three smoked marijuana cigarettes and loose tobacco in the binding. There was also a piece of white paper with the woman’s name on it. Monika was held at the Union County Jail as she waited to be taken to court .

desperate times

Fire brigade cools down football fans



Turkish firefighters have come to the rescue of of overheating football fans, by showering them with water in the stands, the BBC writes. Hundreds of supporters were sweating it out at an evening match in the southern province of Adana, where the temperature was 30C and humidity was around 80 per cent, the *Posta* news website reports. Fans started chanting “cool us down” at the crew of a nearby fire engine, who responded by turning their hoses towards the stands, showering everyone with water. The happy, if rather soggy, fans showed their gratitude by chanting “pro-fire department slogans”, according to the *Daily Sabah*. Turkey has been in the grip of a heatwave for several weeks, with temperatures between 5C and 8C higher than average across the country. Some southeastern regions have seen the mercury rise to a scorching 46C. The heat has had tragic consequences in places, with at least 100 people reported to have drowned while trying to cool down by taking a swim.

Compiled by Carlos Mureithi
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Basic questions from children on topics such as death, their bodies or sex can easily leave even the most educated parent puzzled

I am not the superstitious kind. For instance, I do not believe that if I sweep my compound at night, *jinis* will invade my home. I also don't believe that if I hear an owl hooting at night, then someone I know will die. I am also highly sceptical about the potency of witchcraft, even though I know some fairly sane people who believe that *kukalia* someone chapati actually works.

The subject of death sends shivers down my spine though, so I actively avoid talking about it. I know we will all die at some point, but why tempt fate by talking about death if it hasn't beckoned yet?

Children have no qualms about discussing death though. I came to this conclusion when my grandfather died a few years ago. I went with my son to the funeral, but it wasn't after we went back home in the evening that I realised he had been following everything that took place with keen interest.

Anyway, when we got home, he suddenly asked me, "Mummy, *kwanini guka aliwekwa kwa shimo?*" he wanted to know why my grandfather had been lowered into a "hole".

Caught unawares, I simply told him the truth: "Because... he is dead," I said, to which he wanted to know whether we will all be buried in a "hole" when we die. I of course said yes.

"*Hata wewe mummy?*" he asked, eyes round with wonder. He wanted to know whether I too would be buried in a "hole" when I die. I involuntarily shivered, but since I couldn't tell him off for asking a valid question, I said yes, and abruptly changed the subject by asking him whether he was hungry. Too late, I realised I had asked him the wrong question, because my son and food are enemies. When you place a plate of food in front of him, he immediately feels the urge to pee, complains of a headache, or starts to doze off.

"*Sitaki food...*" he assured



Basic questions from children can prove hard to answer. PHOTO | FILE

Talking with children about difficult topics

me, and then asked whether my grandfather will be eaten by ants like a classmate's grandfather who was dead too.

I was so stunned, I had no idea what to say for a few minutes. He had just joined nursery school – you mean three-year-olds have such graphic understanding of what happens after death? Afraid of the question that would come

next when I said yes, I told him that my grandfather would go to heaven, so he would not be eaten by ants. But he was not satisfied, and wanted to know why then we had buried him "*kwa shetani*" (where the devil lives) instead of burying him somewhere on higher ground, where the devil could not catch him and imprison him in hell.

Dear reader, tell me, how would you answer such a question, especially because it does make sense, I mean, I bet many of you who believe in the afterlife also believe that hell is downstairs, right?

Anyway, since I knew that he would not let me off the hook until I gave him an answer, I told him that God had already taken my grandfather to heaven, so the devil could not get him.

This is not the only "death" conversation my five-year-old has forced me to have. The other day, he came up to me and asked whether he would die if he ate the handful of sand on his palm. Nowadays, I give a lot of thought to the answers I give him, and

ensure that if it is not appropriate to tell him the outright truth, then the answer borders on the truth, since he is growing up and needs to have an accurate picture of how the world works.

I, therefore, told him that while he might not die, he could get seriously sick and no longer go to school, which he loves. He promptly threw the sand away.

This incident reminds me of a friend who, to discourage her son from eating the raw maize she was shelling, told him that if he ate it, the maize would grow in his stomach and come out through his mouth. She thought that this would nip in the bud any mischievous ideas he had. A few days later, however, she found her four-year-old son staring at his open mouth in the mirror.

"What are you doing?" she asked him, puzzled.

"When will the maize I ate start growing?" he asked instead.

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FEEDBACK

You are not alone. I bought a pair of trousers with one side shorter than the other. When I narrated to my sister about my ordeal, she suggested I cut the long side so I could have a *kinyasa*. The tragi-comedy ended by me dumping the nasty thing at a bus stop in a paper bag. Luckily, some stranger picked it. Could the mischief of these merchants of lugs be what triggers the wrath of the gods that causes the frequent Gikomba fires?

Karofia

You always mesmerise me with your ingenuity but today's was really a masterpiece. You have made my day.

Wahome

I truly identify with your not only hilarious but also informative articles every Sunday. With reference to your article on tips you picked after a shopping spree at Gikomba, I realised I'm not alone. I countercheck to ensure they have packed what I have bought, especially electronics.

Gachiengu

It is not only in Gikomba where you get duped. I have some shirts and trousers which do not fit. I bought them from a road side "friend". I always find myself scanning their merchandise. Then I get home to realise they are either too big or small.

David

Your article on Gikomba market tricks was very true. The best thing is to go to Gikomba while armed with a large bag. Once you identify the commodity you want, you pick it, pay for it, fold it by yourself, put it into your bag and leave. Never allow the seller to wrap up for you whatever you have just bought.

Muna

I GIVE A LOT OF THOUGHT TO THE ANSWERS I GIVE HIM, AND ENSURE THAT IF IT IS NOT GOOD TO TELL HIM THE OUTRIGHT TRUTH, THEN THE ANSWER BORDERS ON THE TRUTH?"



MY WEEKEND

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Understanding financial health of Kenya Airways

Twenty-six billion shillings is a lot of money – I can think of very many things that I can buy with it!

So the question that everybody is *not* asking is this: can a company survive after losing Sh26 billion? According to the audited financial statement released recently, Kenya Airways did exactly that during the year that ended March 31

The actual loss was about Sh30 billion but the company raised an income tax refund claim of Sh4 billion and that brought down the net loss after tax to Sh26 billion. So what did this do to the financial position of Kenya Airways?

The answer is to be found in the so-called balance sheet. These days, accountants call it the "Statement of Financial Position". This name clearly describes the information con-

tained therein.

In a nutshell, the balance sheet shows the net financial value of a business by simply balancing out the assets (that is, what the business owns) against the liabilities (what it owes).

Suppose you want to start a business with Sh100,000. You go to your savings account and withdraw this sum and put it in an envelope which you mark "The New Business".

Financial position

At that moment, you can write a Statement of Financial Position for The New Business, that is, even before you start buying anything! The balance sheet will show that The New Business owns the Sh100,000 in the envelope and owes (you, the owner) Sh100,000 as capital investment.

Now suppose that you borrow Sh50,000 from your uncle, add it to your Sh100,00 and use the total to buy a certain product for Sh150,000. Then you sell it for Sh175,000. You put all this money back in the envelope. The business has made Sh25,000 profit.

The balance sheet will now show that The New Business has cash assets of Sh175,000 – the money in the envelope. On the liabilities side, it will also show the Sh50,000 owed to your uncle; the Sh100,000 owed to you as capital; and the Sh25,000 profit that belongs to you. The total is also Sh175,000.

Now, the difference between what it owns (Sh175,000 in the envelope) and what it owes outsiders (Sh50,000 from your uncle) is the net worth of The New Business. That is Sh125,000. Now this is good – the business has grown from Sh100,000 to Sh125,000.

Let's now apply this knowledge to Kenya Airways. This company owns assets worth Sh182 billion but it owes outsiders Sh188 billion. That is, its net worth is a *negative* Sh6 billion.

In other words, if all its assets were sold at fair market value, the money raised would not be enough to pay off the debts. The shareholders would have to add Sh6 billion to clear the debts! From the figures, this company appears to be financially insolvent.

For that reason, why have its shares been allowed to continue trading at the stock market? Is the public not being allowed to pay Sh5 for a share worth negative Sh4? Wake up, Capital Markets Authority.

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THAT'S LIFE

Smart ways to beat self-doubt

It's that sneaking feeling we all get from time to time. Are you good enough? Will you really be up for the task?

Keeping your confidence, improving yourself and your work, and even boosting the assurance and productivity of others are things many professionals don't always think about, but that impact them every day. Several *LinkedIn* Influencers weighed in on these topics recently. Here is what two of them had to say.

Heidi Alexandra Pollard, chief empowerment officer at UQ Power

"Have you ever struggled with itty, bitty, niggly self-doubt," asked Pollard in her post *Seven Ways to Overcome Self-Doubt*. "It can be exhausting... [but] it needn't stop you."

Overcoming this feeling is partly a matter of knowing where to start building confidence. Pollard offers some ideas:

"Let go of the need to know how you will achieve your vision. You likely do not know how you will create your dream, your business or your next promotion, especially not in the beginning," Pollard wrote. "Instead of focusing on the how, focus on the who. Get a clear mental picture and a sense of who you need to be to achieve the goal."

She added: "Start with why you want to achieve the goal... Let yourself get excited... This reminder of why your vision is important to you can help you set that doubt aside."

"Make a decision and a commitment. Once you define your dream or goal, decide that you want to live this way. This may seem basic but many people never decide and commit fully," Pollard wrote. "Make a commitment to yourself. Be a witness to the voice of self-doubt. As you notice the voice of doubt

SELF-DOUBT IS LIKELY SOMETHING THAT YOU WILL FACE ON THE PATH TO CREATING YOUR BUSINESS OR BUILDING YOUR CAREER, BUT THAT IS NO REASON TO STOP MOVING FORWARD" - POLLARD

coming up, watch the thoughts that come up like an observer rather than participating in them," she wrote.

It is also important to recognise that it is the voice of the part of you that wants to keep you the same and to keep you in familiar territory. "Simply allow the doubt to be ex-

pressed and move on. Recognise that you are not your fear. Self-doubt is likely something that you will face on the path to creating your business or building your career, but that is no reason to stop moving forward," Pollard wrote. Instead, "take a few minutes to readjust your focus."

George Murray, chief operating officer at Northern Engraving Corp

Could there be a simple reason some companies miss the mark even as they work to stay ahead of change?

"Many companies that struggle to improve... when you ask the leaders and the employees [whether] they are continuously improving themselves, the responses are weak," wrote Murray in his post *Improving Yourself and Others*.

Rather than simply say change is needed, companies need to "create a culture to stay ahead of the pressure of everyday change... every leader and every individual has to understand that they must improve themselves," he wrote.

How can you continuously improve, given all the pressure to simply keep up? For starters, Murray wrote, stay current. That, he wrote, includes "continuous reading, schooling, learning new things" and staying ahead and in-the-know about your industry.

Rather than wait for the company or a higher-level executive to help or implement improvements, take it upon yourself, he advised.

"Taking personal responsibility... puts momentum on your side, it enables you to call more of the shots," Murray wrote. If you're the boss, it doesn't end there. "As a leader you not only have your personal responsibility to improve yourself; you have the responsibility to outline and help all your team to be more successful." (BBC)

Identify what you're good at, your values, experience and personality; what you love doing, and would do every day, if money weren't an issue

Most people think stress is inevitable. And think surviving it means meditating, or drinking, or something like that. A far better way is to avoid it altogether by taking control of your life. Finding work that you love. Managing your career, so you always feel confident of your next move. And knowing your priorities, so that you do a great job, and yet always have time for your own needs.

So ask yourself whether you're starting each day with energy and excitement. And feel that you've found your place in the world. And that your work's important and has purpose and value.

Most people never do. They live their whole lives on autopilot. Fixated on "getting rich". Finding your life's purpose gives you direction. A good way to find it is to think how you'd like to be remembered. Wealth is meaningless compared to how much people appreciate you.

So identify what you're good at, like being able to communicate, or organise. Your values, experience and personality. What you love doing, and would do every day, if money weren't an issue. Think what you really care about. What you've achieved that you're proud of. What you do that's so absorbing it seems effortless.

Are you doing things like that in your current job? No? Then create a small project where you can. Something you look forward to, and do every day so you become skilled at it. Get organised, and set up a routine — including things that keep you fit, such as exercising, eating well, and drinking less!

Helping friends

Living a little of this project each day means people start associating you with your new direction. Test it out by doing a little voluntary work, or helping friends. Which will get you known and build your CV. You might need to go back to school — but more likely you can move into a new area just by marketing yourself differently.

You'll need time for thinking, planning,



The best cure for stress is to avoid it: And this is how



chris hart

and starting your project. So make it possible by improving your time management skills. That's mostly about being clear about your priorities. Making sure you only do what's important — in both your work and home life. Less Facebook,

less drinking, more focus on what really matters.

And take control of your career. Think of each job as a two-year project — by which time you've hugely simplified, automated and delegated your workload, so you have plenty of time to think. And have grown a brilliant reputation for strategic thinking and staff development!

Identify your next move, each time making sure it's taking you towards your goals, and find out who'll be taking the hiring decisions. Network so that you get to know those decision-makers — and they know you. So you're always the one who's selected. And take control of your personal finances, so that you've always got real cash in the bank, and can manage any transition or emergency. Then you won't ever feel stressed again!

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SUNDAY SERMON >> FR JOE BABENDREIER

Make decision to be faithful and just

WHAT KIND OF attitude should a Christian have towards the world? Chapter 29 in the Book of Jeremiah explains. The prophet was living in Jerusalem. Most of God's people had been carried off to Babylon to be the slaves of King Nebuchadnezzar.

The text is a letter that Jeremiah wrote to the Israelites in exile. He speaks in the name of God, commanding them to follow a certain path if they want to prosper.

Previously, the prophet had insisted they would be forced into slavery if they continued worshipping false gods. They didn't listen. The prophet now reveals that their sons and daughters will return to Jerusalem in 70 years.

The letter begins: "The God of Israel says this to all the exiles deported from Jerusalem to Babylon: Build houses, settle down; plant gardens and eat what they produce; marry and have sons and daughters; choose wives for your sons, find husbands for your daughters so that these can bear sons and daughters in their turn. You must increase there and not decrease."

"Work for the good of the city to which I have exiled you. Pray to the Lord God on its behalf, since your welfare depends on its welfare. For the God of Israel says this: When the 70 years granted to Babylon are over, I shall intervene on your behalf and fulfil my favourable promise to

you by bringing you back to Jerusalem."

What does this have to do with us today? God wants us to "work for the good" of Kenya. To do that, we need hope. Hope that honesty is possible. Hope that fidelity is possible. Hope that justice is possible.

Kenya would be better off if we stopped the land-grabbing. Kenya would be better off if all our fathers were good at going home. Kenya would be better off if the poor began to enjoy as much justice as the rich.

Kenya would be better off if we could curb corruption instead of just talking about it. Kenya would be better off if we stopped examinations from

leaking.

No one doubts that Kenya would be better off. But can we do any of this? Jeremiah was telling the Israelites not to be overwhelmed by the pagan habits of the Babylonians.

The Gospel is telling us not to be overwhelmed by the world and by our own evil tendencies. The Gospel is telling us that we can change.

Where does change begin? Each person can change. You and I can make a decision to be honest, to be faithful, to be just. This is why St Paul wrote in Ephesians: "This may be a wicked age, but your lives are meant to redeem it."

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Birthday treat at The Ark, where fun comes in twos

Our granddaughter will for sure have lots of good memories after trip to Aberdare park where she got to see animals up close

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It was my granddaughter, Nicole's, birthday — the first day after flying out from the UK for a holiday.

"What would you like to do on your birthday?" her mother had asked.

"I would like to go to the Ark," Nicole said.

"And what would really make your day?"

"To see a leopard."

So that's what we did — and that's what we saw.

It was a large, female leopard, by the side of the road, only about a kilometre beyond the Ark gate to the Aberdare National Park. She was eating some plants, and she didn't stop doing so when we slowed the vehicle and stopped only a few metres from her. But after a while she went off and was hidden in the tangle of undergrowth.

"Perhaps she has an upset stomach and wants to purge herself," said our son, Andreas, who has made himself something of an expert in such things (in the behaviour of wildlife, not in over-eating, you'll understand).

But let me back-track a little...

The Ark is high up in the Aberdare forest, built in a shape something like we imagine Noah's ship, and beside a waterhole and a saltlick. For visitors, the usual package is a most generous lunch at the Aberdare Country Club, a 45 minutes' (depending on what is along the road) bus ride to the Ark, a late night watching of animals on the saltlick, an early but hearty breakfast before the bus-ride back down to the Club.

The most distinctive and wonderful thing about the Ark is that you get so close to the animals, looking down on them from three viewing balconies or, if you wish, having eyeball-to-eyeball contact from the ground-level bunker.

We were very lucky that day.

The clouds lifted, the sun shone, and the animals came out, not two-by-two but in good numbers to lick and to drink — it was, of course, people and not the animals happily becalmed in the Ark.

Until well after dark, there was never less than 20 elephants in view, sharing the place — not always peacefully

— with a big herd of buffalos, along with some bushbucks, waterbucks, and a family of giant forest hogs, all these keeping well to the fringes. There was a particularly bad-tempered male buffalo that seemed to have an exaggerated idea of personal space. He even head-butted a fully-grown female elephant.

Before dinner, the Ark Captain, Charles Mathenge, gave his enthusiastic talk about the history of the place, the ecology of the Aberdares, and his own commentary on some of the area's animals.

After dinner, some of the guests went back to the balconies to continue watching the animal show on the saltlick; some congregated in the bar or warmed themselves by the log fire in the main lounge. And when you went to bed you could choose to leave a buzzer on that would alert you if any special animals put in an appearance during the night.

But it was on the drive back down the mountain that the very special thing happened. Again, by the roadside, the driver spotted a leopard. This time it was a cub, nine months to a year old (according to Andreas who, as I have said, has made himself an expert on these things). The cub peered at us from a thicket, alert and curious. And our cameras clicked



PHOTO | JAN FOX
Elephants and buffalos at a waterhole and a saltlick at the Aberdare National Park.



giraffes in the animal sanctuary; I stayed on the terrace, drinking coffee and thinking about this piece.

Both the Club and the Ark have been tastefully refurbished after the Marasa Africa Group took them over a few years ago. The greens of the old nine-hole golf course look in really green condition. And now there is also the Ayurveda Health Club and Spa with its intriguing selection of consultations, treatments, rituals, and immersions.

Whenever we have visitors who want to see Kenya's wildlife but have time for only one overnight, we always recommend the Ark — where they can see so much and so closely. And this time, for our granddaughter, it was a birthday treat she will never forget.

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My decades-long romance

Sixty-eight-year-old Paul Waweru has been telling stories with his camera for more than 30 years. He has been a newsroom fixture since 1978, capturing an array of subjects from accidents, politics and court stories

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The universal regret at ageing does not apply to Paul Waweru. His newsroom nickname is Babu, Swahili for grandfather, and the 68-year-old photojournalist, a veteran of almost four decades and still counting, just loves the sound of it.

"I really like that nickname," he says as if it was a treasured birthday gift.

Waweru's favourite haunt has, for years, been Nairobi's courtrooms. And he never waits for a company car to take him there. Instead, he walks there early and combs through court documents to establish where the juicy picture – and story – is likely to be.

Later, much younger reporters are likely to be frantically calling him on his mobile phone asking: "Babu! Where are you? What is happening? In what court is this case?" He's normally happy to oblige – more so when the exclusive photo is already in the bag. And then he will walk all the way from the Milimani Courts to Nation Centre. That's as far as his exercise regime goes.

He has been a newsroom fixture since 1978 – all spent in either Old Nation House on Tom Mboya Street or its successor, the Nation Centre on Kimathi Street. Journalists in Kenya have a reputation for "defections", moving from one media house to another, but not for this native of Kijabe who started off in Eldoret before finding his way to Nairobi. The Nation is home, the Editorial Department is family and he conservatively estimates he has some 20 years left on the clock.

Legendary journalist Joseph Karimi was the news editor at old Nation House when "a young" Waweru came along with his trademark goatee. He was 31.

"Waweru never ages and he never changes," says Karimi. "The way he looks today is how he looked in 1978. He is a very agile old man – a challenge to the youth – very interested in what he does, very diligent, and thorough. He joined at a time when our photographic department had professionals like Joseph Thuo, Joseph Odiyo, Azhar Chaudhry, Njenga Munyori, Yahya Mohammed and Hos Maina.

"Payments for freelance photographers were a modest Sh10 per column and a photographer could rarely rate more than two columns at any one time. But Waweru slogged on, climbing inch by inch, year after year. He is a salute to endurance and focus," says Karimi.

The veteran journalist adds that Waweru's good character has also served him well since joining the newsroom in the 1970s.

"There were brilliant photographers who fell by the wayside because of their poor personal conduct. I used to get calls from wives asking me

how long assignments to their husbands out of town were going to last when no such things were happening. The fellows were just entertaining women somewhere in town while their families suffered. Sometimes I was forced to send money to their families and figure how to deduct it from them later. I never had such cases with Waweru," he says.

He learnt to fend for himself early, acquiring an austere discipline in the process. Born to a clergyman father and a peasant mother in the picturesque hillsides of Kijabe in the Rift Valley in 1947, Waweru saw his parents' family of eight become destitute when his father was carted off to detention by British colonialists and died there. He was a pioneer pastor of the Africa Inland Church who had refused to take the Mau Mau oath. In vengeance, Mau Mau sympathisers connived to lie to the authorities that he was one of them, a story that was believed, and thus his sad fate.

Life for the large family headed by an illiterate mother who was paid in onions and cabbages for her toils on the farm was sheer hardship. His elder brother went off to Eldoret to try his luck as a stone mason and Waweru followed him. But daylong *mkorogo* (mixing sand, cement and ballast) was just not his kind of work. He was in love with the camera.

He found his way to Nairobi and his lifelong romance with photography, which he had flirted with on and off from primary school, took flight.

"When I started off," he says, "I was using a roll of film which had eight or 12 exposures. The first cameras were, well, Stone Age. My first camera was called Click. With that one, you routinely chopped off your subjects' head and limbs; you couldn't focus," he says.

Then came Lubitel II, which was slightly better. "Older people will recognise it as the one you strapped on your neck and held it against your stomach as you looked towards your feet to see the viewfinder. You counted 'one, two, three!' before snapping your subjects," he says.

But at least with that model, a photographer could focus – even though it was bulky.

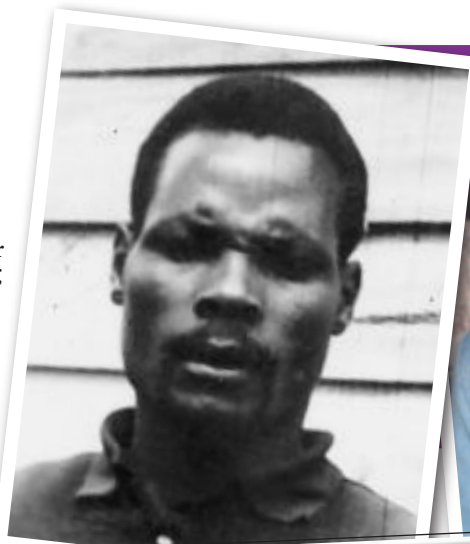
"My first modern camera was a Yashica. Still, it was a case of taking your black and white pictures to the dark room, processing them into a contact sheet and having the unused exposures in our film returned to you – a very elaborate process!" he says.

Waweru contrasts that with digital technology today – including on mo-

bile phones – where one can immediately tell whether the picture is in or out of focus.

"Things are much easier now. Older people have challenges adapting to new technology but my own experience has been the opposite," he says.

Waweru initially did modest commercial photography in Nairobi's Kangemi, establishing a makeshift studio next to a kiosk run by his wife. At the same time, he studied



Waweru during his wedding to Margaret Wanjiru in 1983.



the newspapers and magazines and was convinced he could take pictures just as good as those he saw in them.

In his commute home from town to Kangemi, there was a sharp bend near Kianda College that accounted for road accidents almost daily. He positioned himself there and rushed the photos to Nation House where, without fail, they were used, complete with by-line.

Touts got to know him and reported to him wherever there was an accident. It seemed as if he had become an "accident photographer" of sorts with colleagues hailing him on sight as: "How many dead today?" Then that changed.

"One day, Wangethi Mwangi, who was the *Daily Nation* Chief Sub-Editor, called me and asked: 'Paul, aren't there other pictures you can take except road accidents?' Then he answered his own question with the instruction: 'Go for other pictures from now onwards, but I am not saying you stop taking those of accidents,'" he says.

His first change of scene was PCEA church, which always had functions. Then from there he started going to political meetings.

"One of the most memorable was of Kuria Kanyingi handing over a heap of currency notes during a harambee meeting. Many readers gawked at the picture before such became commonplace," he says.

As Karimi noted, Waweru would finally find his niche in the courtrooms. And here, he has tales to tell.

"All sorts of people come to courtrooms," he says. "I have sometimes run into people who tell me: 'Here, take this (money), and please don't use my picture in the newspaper.' When I refuse, they say to me: 'You must, or else I will report you to the person who sent you here (the editor). I know him. I will tell him that you were demanding a bribe from me. I will make sure you are fired,'" says Waweru.

His trick is to report to his editor such encounters with the influential people in court corridors.

"Over the years, I have also seen such people get conned in their desperation by imposters with cameras who promise that the pictures won't appear in the papers the following day – and yet those quacks have no papers to report to," he says.

Tales of intimidation

Then there are the tales of intimidation. There was the 2005 murder trial of Bishop Luigi Locati of the Catholic Diocese of Isiolo. One of the accused, Father Guyo Waqo, looked threateningly at Waweru and warned him against taking his picture. But the photographer was adamant.

He told Father Guyo: "The fault is not mine. For that you should ask the police who brought you here. I am just doing my job. And look at these corridors; we are going to run into one another in them for a long time. We can't help it. Given the circumstances we find ourselves in, my suggestion is that we become friends." Somehow, the accused mellowed. In fact, as the trial dragged on, they became friends of sorts. The priest and five others were sentenced to death last November.

"Some people tell me that I should be afraid of the people whose pictures I take looking very low in handcuffs or just shell-shocked in the dock. Some are very rich and powerful people who, most probably, in their worst nightmares, never imagined

with the camera

‘Hos Maina, the peerless one, made me what I am today’

By ROY GACHUHI

Twenty-two years after his violent death in Somalia, Hos Maina, a former Nation Media Group and Reuters photojournalist, continues to inspire old colleagues and a new generation of news people in Kenya and beyond.

“I admired Hos Maina tremendously,” says Waweru. “To me he was the best. He was my inspiration. He gave me many tips about photography – he was such a generous man, no considerations of competition whatsoever. He was one man completely free of peer jealousy and was everybody’s friend.”

Hos and three colleagues were murdered by an enraged mob in Mogadishu, Somalia, on one of world journalism’s darkest days: Monday, July 12, 1993. The four were separated from a convoy of media cars as they tried to photograph a United Nations helicopter assault and were attacked by angry locals. Killed with Hos were fellow Kenyan photographer Dan Eldon and sound technician Anthony Macharia, all of Reuters, and German photographer Hansi Krauss of the Associated Press.

Hos established himself in Kenya during the unsuccessful 1982 coup. Waweru was with him in the streets of Nairobi as mobs ransacked the city after Air Force soldiers announced that they had overthrown President Daniel arap Moi’s government.

Hos traversed the city carrying his camera inside a *kiondo* (traditional Kenyan bag carried by women) covered with sukuma wiki (kales). Each time he saw a good shot, he pulled the camera out, snapped, and returned the camera in the *kiondo*. When confronted by troops and looters, he said he was just looking for food for his family, as they could see for themselves. If he hadn’t been that resourceful, he most certainly would have lost his camera to the looters or been killed by the highly excitable soldiers.

They got marooned in old Nation House that night, there being no transport home, and drunk the last milk-less and sugarless tea to the dregs before being relieved the following morning. Without cigarettes, those who smoked puffed at rolled-up newspapers before they ran out of matches. Almost all the pictures of the coup attempt in the Nation of August 3, 1982 – there wasn’t any edition the previous day as five hungry and scared journalists couldn’t produce one – were by Hos Maina.

Says Waweru: “Hos Maina was in a class of his own.”

they could find themselves there,” he says.

He believes he has no reason to worry as long he gets the best pictures. “A person going to Kamiti (Prison) has a lot of things on their mind, and running after Paul Waweru must be the last in the list of considerations.”

One of the most memorable assignments he undertook was covering the aftermath of the 1982 coup in Nairobi. The capital was utterly devastated by the looting. Waweru and his reporter, Gichuru Njihia, who has since died, combed the streets and that’s when they noticed a curious thing – every kind of shop was looted except one type: bookshops. He remembers especially one Christian bookshop called Kesho; it looked pristine amid rubble. That is when he concluded that Kenyans don’t like reading, certainly not voluntarily. He holds that view to this day.

Waweru has been a teetotaler for that last 36 years. What made him quit a habit that he says once enjoyed?

“I quit drinking when, in a drunken rage, I smashed a bottle of Guinness beer on the chest of my drinking

buddy and he collapsed unconscious. As people tried to resuscitate him, I headed home. But I couldn’t sleep. I turned over and over, haunted by the possibility that I had killed someone,” he says.

But the following morning he found out, much to his relief, that his friend had regained consciousness – and had in fact continued drinking that night. He vowed he would never drink again.

“The last time I drank alcohol was in 1979. But, of course, I don’t mind friends and colleagues enjoying themselves,” he says.

Waweru has advice on how young people can become good professional photographers. Yet, the best that can be said on that score is best done by a peer. Kibe Kamunyu, the *Daily Nation* Quality Control Editor has been handling Waweru for about 30 years.

“If you are talking about Waweru, the first thing that comes to my mind is the accuracy of

his captioning. When on court assignments, he always goes to the registry and gets the names of the accused right. If there are names that are not there, he will ask somebody to write his own name in his notebook,” says the veteran editor.

For now, retirement from the job he loves is the last thing on the mind of the father of seven.



Taking a selfie with colleagues.



The photojournalist doing what he does best.

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Waweru with Chief Justice Willy Mutunga (centre).





PUT A LITTLE THOUGHT INTO FINDING YOUR COLOURIST AND COLOUR. IT WILL BE WORTH IT

Golden rules if you want to get your hair coloured

This is a complex process that involves more than the application of a colour into your hair, letting it sit, then rinsing it out. Having gone through the process myself, here are handy tips I've learnt in my journey

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My colourist had a neat colour chart with a range of vibrant strands. I flipped it open some eight years ago and pointed at Fiery Red and said, "That. That's the one I want."

I got a side eye. He hemmed. He hawed. He said, specifically I remember, that "black people don't have that kind of hair colour." Ginger or strawberry blonde as a hair colour can be anything from copper to a touch of orange.

It took three months of shades of brown, backfired burgundy, sulks, fits and muted fights to finally get what has now become a dominant part of my identity. It wasn't until I stood in the sun watching the expression of absolute shock on Kelvin's face that I realised what I, what we, had done. It was Saturday.

I had a 9 to 5 job as a magazine journalist. I experienced a small degree of panic. Monday morning I walked into the office. My boss at the time took one look and said "What have you done to your hair? I love it!" Good. I still had a job. I could still earn. I had bottled my oomph. I have kept my hair since. Everyone else be damned.

I find myself on the receiving end of colour queries and conversations in real life and social media. How? Where? Who? How much? Which brand? Which products? Why? They always want to know why, and expect a profound, life-altering reason.

That has often been presumed

to be tied to a man. The only man involved is my colourist. It's a great question though.

Research says women want to enhance their look, express themselves, transition and yes, to wash a man out of their hair. I went red because I was bored with my life. Now when I look at myself I am reminded to step outside the norm, other people's definition of who I am and live up to my own ideal.

So if you want to colour your hair, see a professional. As a colour virgin you want to schedule a consultation and a colour job. Boxed colours are great if you have a healthy, experimental relationship with your hair and already know what to do post colour.

A professional tells you how to care for your hair. Because you will need to change your hair products to the kind that preserve colour, deep condition and moisturise it and keep the colour vibrant. If you go blonde, platinum or red, you will need products with a UV filter. Sun changes the colour making it duller.

Colour by itself does not break or cut your hair. Hair care does. Technology has made colour gentle to the hair. A professional will also be in a position to tell if something isn't working for you.

The thing about coloured hair is that the more alive the colour, the more high maintenance it is. Treatments, protein or moisture based, have very specific targets. Overlooking post colour care compromises the health of your hair and by extension, the integrity of the colour. I can't speak to the quality of any specific products mainly because I am not allowed to, and also, I am not being paid to. Professionals will give you options.

You don't have to be clear about what you want. Sometimes knowing what you don't want is important too. See your colourist with images and discuss it during your consultation. That determines styling, length, procedure, products and product availability down to cost.

There is no one size fits all colour package. Presently dip-dyed rainbow colours and silver/grey hair is trending. As an example it will cost me more to go silver - which I have in the past - than it would someone walking in with their natural hair colour. The latter as a process is much shorter and therefore less expensive.

Colouring your hair could spark or may be part of a makeover. Depending on what you opt for and how permanent it is, you may need to revamp and revisit your colour scheme to see what complements your new look.

Wardrobe, makeup, accessories and even nail polish could be due for a shake up. Now you begin to understand the significance of 'why.' For tamer colour the family or reds and browns ranging from copper, chestnut to maroon is particularly good on women of colour. It can amp your beauty and flatter your skin tone. Put a little thought into finding your colourist and colour. It will be worth every shilling.

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PHOTO: MARTIN MUKANGU
A model with coloured hair.



YOUR SKIN

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Best drinks for glowing, healthy skin

As much as the application of products to your skin helps in maintaining moisture, you can achieve an inner glow from within by drinking certain juices. Alongside water, it helps to incorporate health drinks into your diet. Remember to be consistent and wait patiently for results because it takes at least one week for the changes to start showing.

Water and lemon juice

This helps to purify your skin and aids in making you feel and look healthy. Squeeze half a lemon into a glass of warm water and consume last thing at night and first thing in the morning.

Green tea with orange juice and honey - The green tea is a natural anti-oxidant and slimming agent. It also helps to even out your skin. Drink two cups daily mixed with orange juice and honey.

Purple tea with lemon

This is nature's perfect digestive aid. It also gives the skin a beautiful glow. Drink one cup mixed with lemon every night.

Wheatgrass tea combined with neem and aloe - Prepare by steeping the ingredients in hot water. This tea should be consumed twice daily. Though bitter, it helps to purify your skin remarkably.

Black tea with cardamoms (ILLIKI) and cinnamon - This is an ancient secret used in India by brides before their wedding day. It helps to tighten skin.

Moringa - Mix one tablespoon of moringa oil in a cup of hot water. Drink once daily to boost your skin's nutritional requirements.

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How to make Instant sweet and sour sauce:
Mix 3 tablespoons dark soy sauce and 3 spoons honey with 1 grated garlic clove. Add 1 tsp vinegar. Use to add a special taste to your sauces.

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KITCHEN TIP

COOKERY

Turkey stir-fry with vegetables

Poultry is most delicious when stir-fried with a variety of vegetables. Due to its size, it is ideal when catering for a large group. Because it is quite bland, marinating helps to give it flavour.

Serves 4
Preparation time: 30 min

Ingredients:

½-kg turkey breast
1 inch piece fresh ginger, peeled and grated

1 tbsp vinegar
2 tbsps groundnut oil
1 tbsp sesame oil
1 carrot, sliced into ribbon strips
1-cup snow peas
1 green and red pepper, thinly sliced
1-Cup watercress
1 cup Chinese cabbage
4 tbsp dark soy sauce
White onion slices to garnish
1 chilli

1 tsp honey
½-cup orange juice
3 garlic cloves, peeled and sliced

Method:

1. Cut the turkey into thin large slices and place in a shallow dish. Add the ginger, garlic and chilli. Add vinegar, stir and cover. Place in refrigerator to marinate for ½-hour.
2. In a large pan or wok, heat the oils. Remove the turkey from the marinating sauce and stir-fry for two minutes on each side, or until sealed. Add the carrot, snow peas, green and red peppers and stir for 2 mins.
3. Add the watercress and Chinese cabbage and continue stirring until the vegetables are wilted and the turkey is done. Blend the honey, orange juice and soy sauce and stir the mixture into the wok for two min-



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utes. Add onion slices, mix and serve with fried rice.

Cooking tips:

- To achieve the best flavour from the ginger, grate it with skin on after washing.
- Remember to cut the turkey slices as thinly as possible without breaking them to achieve proper stir-fry results.
- When stir-frying snow peas, it is a good idea to blanch them first in boiling water so that it is cooked and tender at the end of the stir-frying time.

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HEALTH

Best post-workout meals

THINKING ABOUT rewarding yourself for a good workout with a nice, juicy burger or chips? Well, don't. The food you eat after hitting the gym just may be the most important food you eat all day.

See, muscles store excess energy in the form of glycogen and protein and, when you work out, the body burns fuel from your pre-workout meal, then it breaks down glycogen stored in muscles. Within a few hours of working out, muscle protein drops and muscles begin to break down. However, within a 45-minute window, your body is the most responsive with absorbing carbohydrates and protein.

The best foods to eat include

Greek Yogurt: It has double the amount of protein compared to regular yogurt and is a great source of carbohydrates. Mix it with cereal or fruit.

Sandwich wraps: Wholegrain wraps are loaded with wholesome carbohydrates. Make yourself a turkey or chicken sandwich and add a bowl of soup on the side. This is a particularly great meal if you work out during your lunch break.

Fruit salad: Fruits are not only loaded with carbohydrates, they also contain enzymes to help your body break down nutrients so they can be delivered to your tired muscles. Pineapple is also known to have anti-

inflammatory properties to help your muscles recover.

Wholegrain cereal: Cereal is good any time of day: In the morning for breakfast or later in the day as a snack. Select a high protein, high fiber cereal. It's perfect for reloading the muscle energy stores.

Here are some rules to follow to ensure you don't cancel out the benefits of working out.

- Eat within 30 to 60 minutes after exercise. If you've had a particularly tough workout, try to eat a "recovery" meal as soon as possible. Exercise puts stress on your muscles, joints, and bones, and your body "uses up" nutrients during workouts; so post-exercise foods are all about putting back what you've lost, and providing the raw materials needed for repair and healing.

- Think beyond proteins. Your body needs a balanced diet to recover.

- Don't overcompensate. Do not overestimate how much extra food you "earned" working out. It's unbelievably easy to "eat back" all of what you've burned.

Rehydrate before and after exercise. Also monitor the colour of your urine—if you're well hydrated it should be pale if not, it will be yellow.

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Why churches have become a battlefield

Religious leaders and scholars are divided on what could be driving this disturbing trend with some blaming it on greed among clergy and faithful and others saying the affected institutions are experiencing succession wrangles

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Concern is growing among Kenyans over the spate of violent clashes and shocking incidents rocking the religious sector.

While the importance of religion cannot be ignored, the behaviour of a section of the clergy and faithful is raising questions on what could be going wrong in an institution that should ideally be beyond reproach.

There was shock this past week when four people died following clashes at the African Israel Nineveh Church in Vihiga County. Last Sunday, armed goons ambushed worshippers and supporters of the archbishop-elect Evans Jadiva at the church headquarters at Jebrok, killing two people. In retaliation the worshippers killed one of the attackers.

The next day Mr Isaac Onyango, a radiographer at Jaramogi Oginga Odinga Teaching and Referral Hos-



Police at the Vihiga church where factions were fighting for control. PHOTO | FILE

pital in Kisumu and a bishop of one of the church branches in Busia, were found dead in the compound. Incidents of such wrangles over the control in churches appear to be on the increase, with some turning violent or remaining stuck in court.

As this was happening, the Director of Public Prosecution Keriako Tobiko was preparing a file on an alleged cover-up by police officers on a fatal accident that some investigation has linked to Pastor James Ng'ang'a of Nairobi's Neno Evangelism Centre.



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The matter is yet to be concluded.

But Pastor Ng'ang'a has denied all the allegations. And in a recent Friday night service attended by the *Sunday Nation*, he cursed his critics. He later appeared on *Citizen TV* to deny involvement in the accident.

At around the same time, the *Daily Nation* revealed that a second pastor, Thomas Wahome of the Helicopter Ministries, had in June knocked dead a pedestrian but reached an agreement with the victim's family to resolve the issue without going to court.

Religious leaders and scholars are divided on what could be driving this disturbing trend with some blaming it on greed among the clergy and faithful while others say the affected churches are merely transitioning to another level of development hence the teething problems.

But others point to the reality of the rise of mega churches which have been sprouting across the country in the last few years.

At the expense of the faithful, some church leaders have amassed power and wealth which has gone into their heads and the effects are starting to show, according to Paul Muia, a psychologist at Oasis Africa.

"Because of desperation and the

desire to hang on to some hope, preachers are selling this hope and they have become very powerful over time and with power comes impunity," he says, adding that some of the faithful have been brainwashed.

At Chemororoch Village in Uasin Gishu County, the faithful of the Lost Israelites sect have refused to accept reports by the authorities that their "god" and leader Jehovah Wanyonyi has died — weeks after he disappeared from his home.

According to the psychologist, the association of wealth with the church could be fuelling the incessant wrangles.

In Vihiga, investigations revealed that a dispute over the ownership of 3.2 hectares of land owned by the Archbishop of the African Israel Nineveh could be behind the clash that led to four deaths by Monday.

Dr Joyce Nyairo, a historian and cultural analyst, says tough economic times could be to blame.

"The history of problems facing the religious sector always coincide with economic meltdowns as religion reduces the burden of life by providing a bedrock of faith and answers to humanity's deepest needs," she says.

Dr Nyairo adds: "In Kenya, many churches sprung up during the late 1980s when the economy was bad, the same is repeating itself, with this comes a myriad of problems. This is also happening to Islam in the form of extremism."

The Church, however, insists the incidents are isolated and exaggerated by the media.

"If an occurrence is given wide media coverage, the society tends to generalise, that's why we are suddenly seeing all these stories in the press," says the National Council of Churches of Kenya secretary general Peter Karanja.

He argues that most of the churches facing problems are having their first generation of leaders and the mainstream churches also had problems in the past.

"These other churches have long traditions and have grappled with similar challenges in the past. They have, over time, attained maturity and set down regulations and a culture of doing things so whenever there is a problem it is solved easily," he says, adding that the new churches will "outgrow their founders" and stabilise.

NEWS

Ministry orders swoop after report on drug-laced cookies

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The Ministry of Health has sent out an alert to officials in the counties to be on the lookout for confectionaries (cakes and sweets) that may be laced with bhang and which are sold discreetly.

Most of these products are popular with children and school-going pupils in primary and secondary schools.

In a circular sent to heads of public health

in the 47 counties, the Ministry of Health has directed the officers to inspect shops in their areas of jurisdiction.

"This is a serious crime and is against production principles for safe food. Your quick action will save many, especially children," said Mr Robert Kilonzo the head of Food Safety and Quality in a circular sent at the beginning of this month.

The directive comes after results of laboratory tests conducted by the Government Chemist on various types of confectionaries submitted to the agency by the National Authority for Campaign against Alcohol and

Drug Abuse (Nacada) in December last year revealed that some were laced with drugs.

According to a letter signed by Mr J. K. Kibuthu on behalf of the Government Chemist, at least 176 samples were analysed.

The list seen by the *Sunday Nation* indicates that some of the products which were found to be positive include sweets, cakes, cookies, and buns.

Three weeks ago, the *Sunday Nation* published a story on the growing trend where drug dealers are selling drug-laced cookies to youngsters.

Nacada now recommends that the

government takes swift legal action against individuals and traders selling such products.

Interestingly though, the ministry does not specify the names of supermarkets and shops where the said products were sourced from.

Nakuru County Public Health Officer, Mr Samuel King'ori said that he had received the circular adding that health officers have already started inspecting shops and that are selling confectionaries that are not labelled.

"We started the exercise last week and we are moving incognito and any trader found will be arrested and taken to court," said Mr King'ori.

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Helen: Have you thought of a date for our wedding?

Neil: I kind of assumed I would be taking you!

Fuddy: You have been unwell now for three weeks. Maybe better go to hospital?

Duddy: No way. It's just Post Obama Depression!

Pius: Who's attending your Inaugural Speech?

Alice: Only Briony, Nobby, Wilma, Jabby, and, three thousand others.

Pius: If you tell them my details, I will reveal your weight.

Any secret mentioned to a woman just goes in one ear, then right across the country.

If it were not for many gifts, an elopement would be preferable.

It takes less time to do a thing right, than to explain why you did it wrong.

A decent person is the kind you can sit with for an hour, never say a word, and walk away like it was the best conversation ever.

Once bread becomes toast, it can never go back to being bread again.

Tourist: Excuse me. Can you tell me approximately how far it is to Nakuru?

Hawker: Keep driving up this road for about 200 miles. Otherwise, turn round, and it is 10 minutes to the left.

Bank Manager: Always live within your means.

Client: Oh I do. Especially assisted by your loans.

Emergency Room

Receptionist: What's the problem?

Incoming patient: Both my legs are broken.

Receptionist: We have nearly run out of materials. Which leg would you like to have plastered?

Sunny: Can I have a new food dish for my cat, please?

Clerk: Would you like its name engraved name on the bowl?

Sunny: No thanks. She can't read.

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I SPEND LESS AT HITLER'S THAN AT THOAG'S AND I CAN ACTUALLY SEE WHERE MY MONEY IS GOING



How I was kicked out of Apostle Elkana's church

As you will remember, a few weeks ago, the devil visited Mwisho wa Lami Primary School in a fire that engulfed the HM's office as well as the staffroom. Some enemies of development, purely out of envy and malice, tried to blame the fire on me. But with the guidance of God, through Apostle Overseer Elkana, the Spiritual Superintendent of THOAG (The Holiest of All Ghosts) Tabernacle Assembly, the devil was shamed, and everybody agreed that it was a natural disaster as my burning of charcoal had absolutely nothing to do with the fire.

As a way of saying thank you to God – I rejoined The Apostle's church – and rose through the ranks from being just a congregant to being his confidant and was also appointed Baba Assembly – all in a matter of weeks. During this time, my life revolved around school and THOAG as Apostle Elkana came up with programmes that ensured that I was always in church every evening. Besides spending the whole Sunday in church, the good Apostle, too, had events that occupied most of my Saturdays.

At first days, I enjoyed this, especially after the anointing oil he had

given to me “performed” miracles. Upon his request, I invited teachers for a weekly prayer session, and although only Bensouda, Madam Ruth and I attended the first two weeks, Elkana was sure that this will grow. I, however, noted that his preaching during these and Sunday service concentrated more on giving than anything else, and he encouraged us teachers to give more than the usual Mwisho wa Lami folks who did not have stable incomes.

“God will bless you,” he told me. “But to keep the blessings consistently in your life, you have to be consistent in tithing,” he kept telling me.

“The 10 per cent you tithe should always be before tax if you need maximum blessings,” he told me one day.

The Apostle told me that for some time, he had been looking for someone who could help him run the church service unsuccessfully. Being an educated person, it would be easier to teach me. I observed him take us through service for two weeks, and come the third week, he let me run the service – quite successfully. Everybody liked my style and there were requests that I do it more frequently.

My style

“That is your calling,” Anindo, Nyayo's wife and the choir leader, told me. “Everyone enjoys how you run the service as you are interesting and entertaining.”

The first signs of trouble started when Apostle Elkana insisted that I buy two bottles of anointing oil every week. Then when the court awarded teachers a massive salary increment, Elkana called me to his church and informed that the teachers' salary issue had been his daily prayer item for so long and attributed it to the anointing oil he had given me.

“And God revealed to me that something good will be done for teachers, He just never said when,” Elkana said. “I am just happy that it came earlier than we all expected.”

He then pushed me to commit something for the church once we



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get the increment.

“You need to take up something and do it for the church as a way of thanking the church and so that we can bless the increase.”

He indicated to me the two things that he wanted me to consider and choose one from. “Imagine how a motorcycle or a piano can help us spread the word even further,” he said.

I never commented on that but he made it a point of speaking about it every day.

In early July, we planned to hold an educational revival service at THOAG Tabernacle Shrine. This would be a service bringing together teachers, students, parents and education stakeholders. We would pray for all matters education – and hopefully, gain more members.

As a teacher, I was relied upon to invite teachers and pupils from different schools. I did my best with the invites – mainly working through the CU clubs.

The revival Sunday was held just a week before President Barack Obama came. The day before, we all met and assigned roles. I would be the MC, and lead the service, Elkana would preach, while Anindo would lead the team of ushers.

Come Sunday and I can tell you the attendance was great. Members

of Christian Union from at least four schools, all accompanied by at least one teacher, had arrived by 10 am. I helped Anindo usher them as I knew most of them. I wanted to begin the service that early but Apostle Elkana asked me to delay a little bit, as he expected more schools to come.

A few minutes to 11 am I started the service. We started off with worship, which was led by the CU chair-lady of St Theresa's Girls. Since people were still arriving, Apostle asked that we continue with worship after which he would preach first, then let me proceed with the rest of the programme.

“Let us not hurry, this is a great day that the Lord has made for us,” he said, broadly smiling as he looked at the full church. “This shrine has never been this full,” he added.

As expected, the Apostle preached about giving, and quoted several verses in the Bible that encouraged people to give – from children to the adults.

“In fact, you are not giving,” he said. “But just returning, for all you have belongs to God.”

A success

He finished preaching and allowed me to continue with the service. I ran through the announcements, and invited two people to give testimonies. These two had been preselected by Apostle Elkana. I then invited anyone who had any challenge that they wanted to be prayed for and Apostle Elkana placed his hands on their heads to pray for them. He then went with them to his room behind the church to continue with prayers, leaving me in charge of the service.

I rushed through the rest of the programme, and a few minutes to 2 pm, I thanked everyone who had come, welcomed them again in future, and brought the service to an end. With Anindo, we started seeing off the congregation.

I was saying goodbye to the students of St Theresa's Girls when I felt someone touch my back. It was Elkana. “Come I ask you something,” he said, then led me to his room. It must have been a sensitive issue as he did not want anyone else to hear. I followed him to his room.

“I haven't seen the collection baskets,” he started. “Did we collect *sadaka* and *fungu la kumi*?”

That is when it hit me. Since we had changed the programme mid-stream, I had forgotten to collect *sadaka* and tithe. Apostle Elkana was red with anger.

“What do you mean you forgot you fool?” he asked. “That is the most important part of the service. Can we call them back?”

It was difficult to call the congregation back as most had already left.

“We have spent weeks planning for this day and I researched well on the topic of giving, and you let those people go without giving. The way they were many.”

“Pole pastor,” I tried to explain.

“Pole ilimaliza vikombe za mzungu,” he cut me short. “Go where you came from, I don't want to see you again.”

I walked out and since I had nowhere to go, I went to Hitler's where I was received warmly. And that is where I have been going. I spend less at Hitler's than at THOAG's and I can actually see where my money is going to at Hitler's.

I hear Apostle Elkana said that unless I buy his anointing oil, our salary increment won't be effected but I won't be going back there!

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- APOSTLE ELKANA

Women must rise up, take action

Nominated Senator Catherine Mukite shares with *Lifestyle* about her life and her entry into politics



WOMAN TO WOMAN

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Q: Tell us about yourself

A: I am a career banker having studied at the Chartered Institute of London. I retired from my position as credit risk manager after 20 years in the banking service. I earn a monthly pension from Barclays Bank.

What were you doing before getting into politics?

After retirement, I ventured into grassroots work of helping people, especially the women and the youth. I worked together with the Ford Kenya party and that is how I earned my nomination.

Also after I left banking I ventured into the hotel business, real estate and dairy farming, which I continue to date.

How has the journey of being a senator been as compared to a banker?

Banking is very competitive, and high risk due to huge amounts of money handled daily. As a woman in those days you had to work hard to get recognition since there were few women in high positions, which was a big challenge.

Promotions were hard earned. Contracts were measured by performance and bank profits.

The Senate job is equally challenging in terms of

demands we get from the electorate. There is really no difference between the nominated and elected senators. Demands are the same. However, resources remain a challenge as you have too much demands of individual electorate of the county you represent.

Tell us about your family?

I am married with four children and two grand children.

How do you juggle as a parent and being a senator?

My children are all grown up. They are able to take care of themselves and all I am left with is to take care of myself and my house duties.

What are you currently reading?

I read the Bible, the Constitution, and leadership and governance books.

What does your job entail?

The role of the Senator as per Article 96 of the Constitution entails law-making.

We also determine allocation of national revenue among counties as provided in Article 217 and exercise oversight over national revenue allocated to county governments.

How do you unwind?

I spend time with my family and friends

What are your days like?

Busy. My time is shared between, Parliament, the county, friends and families.

Where would you love to go for a vacation?

Malindi and Canada. These places have everything I would need in life.

Who are your mentors?

The US President Barack Obama. He supports women and youth and addresses violence against women.

He always says that empowering a woman benefits the whole society.

What inspires you?

I am inspired by success and satisfaction in doing things that bring a positive impact on the society.

What is your favourite food?

African food, mukimo and traditional vegetables.

Challenges in your work?

Biggest challenge in my work is limited resources as the Senate is not well funded.

What in your life has brought you the

greatest satisfaction?

When I attained the highest position grade 5 manager as a woman at Barclays. Again God has blessed me as a Senator.

What is so exciting about your position?

There is nothing exciting; a politician is faced with a lot of challenges. There is too much poverty, inequity and corruption.

Your parting shot?

God has blessed me in abundance and I have a good family. Everyone has the capacity to lead and I challenge women to rise up and take up key

positions both in corporate world and politics.



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Classical dance pupils to graduate

Arangetram, the traditional graduation ceremony for students of Indian classical dance styles is not a function where certificates are awarded - but a pious and revered expression of the *Guru Shishya* tradition.

It is an opportunity for connoisseurs of the dance form to judge the aesthetic and creative capabilities of the guru and of his or her students.

Pupils of the *Bharat Natyam* dance style will have their big day on August 22, at the Oshwal Junior Academy Auditorium. Jaanvi Patel and Bhavika Vekaria are cousins and disciples of Natya Tilaka Kumari Shalini and Natya Tilaka Kumari Shruthi Srivatsan of Nritalya, the prestigious Bharat Natyam dance institution of Natya Ratna Shrimati Gita Umesh.

Bharat Natyam is an expressive art of storytelling. The story-teller (performer) draws heavily from mythology and communicates with the audience through facial expressions as well as movement of hands and footwork.

Jaanvi and Bhavika have had extensive training in this art form from their gurus and the institution's director Smt Gita Umesh. I understand the grandaunts are Nritalya's pride pupils and have learnt the art of this divine story telling with understanding, reverence and dedication.

Saturday's Arangetram is certainly going to be a moment of pride not only for the pupils but for their parents, family, friends and grandparents Shrimati and Dhirajlal Vekaria.

Indian dance fraternity that has been invited to witness the *Arangetram* will be treated to a traditional dinner after the performances.

Meanwhile Kenbharti Centre Nairobi, a group of Kenyan Indians dedicated to promoting Indian performing arts in Kenya, hosted the Indian independence day celebration yesterday evening at the first showing of *Ma Tuihe Salaam* - Kenya's Got Talent at the Oshwal Junior Academy, Parklands.

Ma Tuihe Salaam - Kenya's Got Talent is a celebration of Mother India. It incorporates dance and music devoted to the liberation struggle in India during the British Raj. If you missed yesterday's show, you can still catch up with the patriotic extravaganza this evening.

I extend my best wishes to all celebrating India's great day and salute saying *Ma Tuihe Salaam*.

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MOTORING » GAVIN BENNETT

Move over humans, let machines take the wheel

Science fiction writers used to be much absorbed trying to predict the impact of an alien invasion. They're going to have to think afresh, because something from out of this world has already landed. In cars.

This is more than just computerised management of engines, steering, suspension and brakes; more than plug-in diagnostics or traction control, sat-navs, self-parking, wi-fi and apps galore. It is more than the car becoming ever more fully loaded with the very latest digital devices from the computer and electronics industries.

It is now car makers inventing the most innovative digital devices and applications. And software giants beginning to design cars. It is a high-tech arms race for a slice of business that will soon be worth 1 trillion dollars per year.

A recent survey in Europe shows that only 14 per cent of final car purchase decisions are swayed by the

vehicle's conventional performance. More than three times that number make their final choice based on high-tech gadgetry.

But Mercedes does not want to hand over half its brand image to Apple. And besides, if Mercedes simply buys the technology that is available, so can every other car maker. Where's the brand edge in that?

And the biggest motor manufacturers — who have the turnover of middle-sized countries — don't have to settle for being also-ran customers of electronic wonders. They can buy the best brains and give them a to-die-for play room/laboratory/test-bed/manufacturing plant to develop digital wizardry with a three-pointed star on it, not a part-eaten fruit.

And Apple and Google and Microsoft — who have turnovers bigger than many big countries — don't want to become the slow

lane. They can also buy the best automotive technology brains, and give them whatever they need to develop the mechanical magic.

The Mercedes OSXX? The Google 500SEL? No thanks. Science fiction? Not at all. The leading exhibitors at the most recent super-expos on digital electronics have been... motor companies. The most advanced prototypes of vehicles that drive themselves (in complex traffic) are now produced by... techno geeks. The line between our primary means of transport and our every means of communication — with everything — is going to blur.

With the stakes that high, and brands so important, and corporates so strong, this is a techno-manufacturing-marketing world war. Or, rather, a War of the Worlds. For a trend that will take us from driving cars to being driven by cars (or driving to the office and driving the office) is indeed alien. And the

invasion has arrived.

What happens next? Over to the science fiction writers' imaginations to ponder and predict the possibilities of tomorrow, when today a laptop computer is already more computer-powerful than the NASA headquarters which sent a man to the moon, when a car is more connected and interactive and mobile than 100 laptops, and when all the roads and buildings and city infrastructure they drive in are potentially their digital equals... or masters... or monsters.

As a fat cigar smoker once said: "This is not the end. It is not even the beginning of the end. It is, perhaps, the end of the beginning." Just one word of concern: Hackers. Anyone else wonder if the fulcrum of human power will continue its journey from muscle, to machinery, to money, to mind... to mayhem?

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A doctor's prescription for a healthy medical profession

'In the Footsteps of My Father', tells the tales of Dr Aluoch's childhood, schooling, training, work, travel, profession and even retirement lyrically and clinically

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Some years ago, a doctor was some kind of god. A doctor's orders weren't questioned. Often, people returned home from the hospital healed without seeing the doctor. The white coat, the antiseptic smell of the consulting room and hospital wards, the stethoscope and the serious mien were enough to repel even the most stubborn of illnesses.

Facing the syringe, that ubiquitous tool that treated all kinds of diseases, was a matter of life and death, literally, for many people. And the doctors were countable. In some districts, "real" doctors were only seen recently when *ugutu* (devolution) happened.

But today doctors are all over the place. That white coat is worn even by hairdressers. "Doctors" from all over the world, treating all manner of illness — from "lost property" to "protecting your home against thieves" to "finding a lost lover" are to be found all over Kenyan towns.

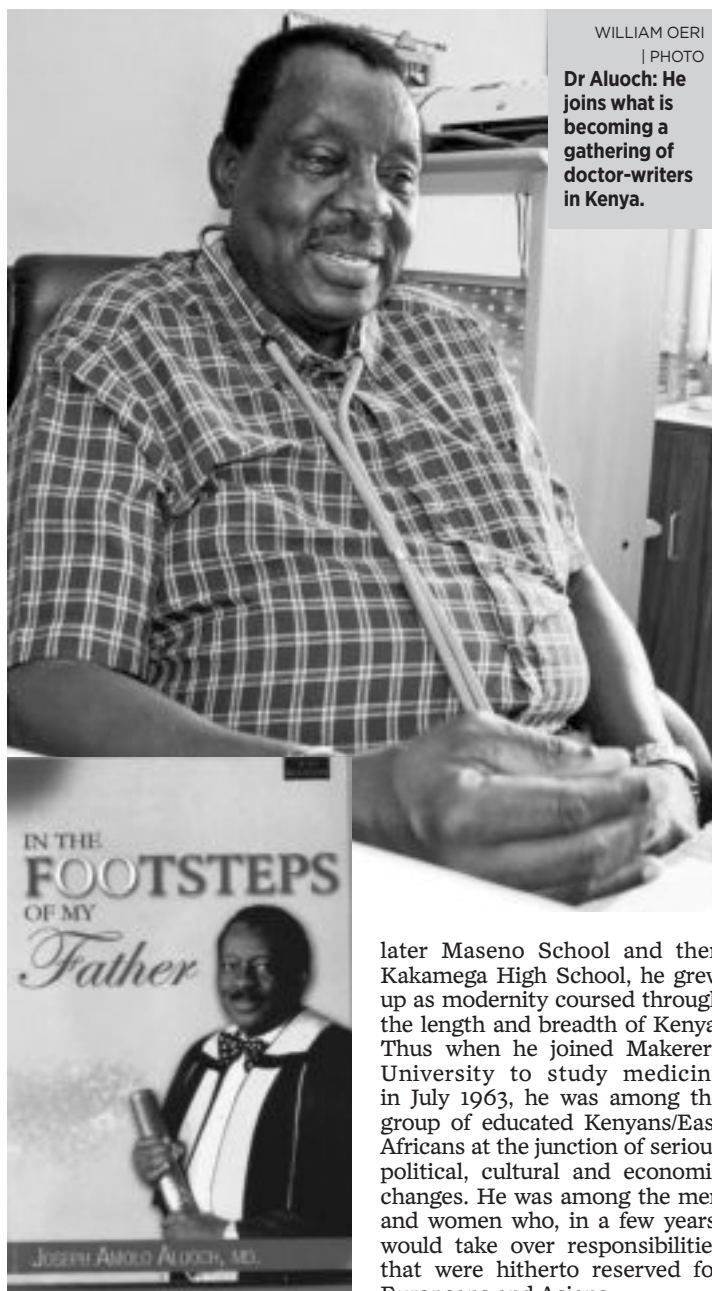
Still, there are those retired nurses, dressers, clinical officers and even former receptionists in doctors' offices who offer medical and healthcare services all over the country! Doesn't God love Kenyans?

Medical profession

It is this "healthy" state of the medical profession that makes reading Joseph Amolo Aluoch's autobiography, *In the Footsteps of my Father* (2015) riveting. It is not so often that a doctor tells the tales of his growing up, schooling, training, work, travel, professional undertakings and retirement so lyrically and professionally to have everyone who reads the story have some "medicine" to take away.

Dr Aluoch joins what is becoming a gathering of good old doctors, looking back at their heyday, at the dawn of Kenya's independence, and their entry into medicine, service and now retirement. In recent times, Yusuf Dawood, Joseph Mungai, Betty Gikonyo and Japheth Mati have let us in on their successes and tribulations mending and healing fellow human beings.

In the Footsteps of My Father is a celebration of sorts. It is a story of boundless optimism, with Dr Aluoch consistently highlighting the triumph of will over adversity and obstacles. From Chapter 1, "The Roots", to Chapter 19, "The



Future of Medicine", the consistent streak in the anecdotes is actually a celebration of life.

In "The Roots", Dr Aluoch proclaims his ancestry, his being. "As a son of the soil from Gem Ka'Gilo, I am a direct lineal descendant of Kwenda, who are also widely known as Nyikwa Ragem, descendants of Ragem. Our great ancestor, Ragem, had two sons, the elder one being Nyakota and the younger, Kwenda. The people of Nyakota now occupy North Gem while we, the descendants of Kwenda, occupy South Gem." This is the myth-making, the act by which humankind often finds a pillar for existence.

But how does this claim to the soil sit with a picture of a man who is thoroughly *born-into* — urbanised? For Dr Aluoch wasn't born into an ordinary family. This is a man whose father, Wilson Aluoch, was working as a clinical officer in Nairobi, assisting the European doctor who treated the Governor of Kenya, in the 1940s.

Although schooled back in the village, Gem Ulumbi and

later Maseno School and then Kakamega High School, he grew up as modernity coursed through the length and breadth of Kenya. Thus when he joined Makerere University to study medicine in July 1963, he was among the group of educated Kenyans/East Africans at the junction of serious political, cultural and economic changes. He was among the men and women who, in a few years, would take over responsibilities that were hitherto reserved for Europeans and Asians.

Indeed, when Dr Aluoch graduated from Makerere in 1968 he opted to come back to Kenya and serve his country. Naturally, like many at the time, he was posted to Kenyatta National Hospital from where he not only practised medicine but also took opportunities to train further in medicine and assumed administrative responsibilities in the Ministry of Health, such as serving as the district medical officer of health in Meru. During this time, Dr Aluoch also married a lawyer-to-be, Joyce — later Lady Justice Joyce Aluoch — now a judge of the International Criminal Court. They have three daughters — Brenda, Sandra and Connie.

Professionally, Dr Aluoch has served almost 50 years as a consultant physician and chest specialist, playing a leading role in the study and treatment of TB in Kenya and Africa. He was involved in the setting up of several government-managed medical research entities, including the Kenya Medical Research Institute. And so, *In the Footsteps of My Father*, Dr Aluoch gives the

reader several anecdotes of his time in the many places he served and visited. I am convinced that he leaves the best wisdom for the section he calls, "Some Modern Medical Conundrums: A Doctor's Opinion".

Here Dr Aluoch talks candidly about the medical profession. As an insider, he speaks openly on issues — especially ethical questions in medical practice and commercialisation of medicine — that one rarely hears in public debate. It is not often that a doctor will give a frank opinion on what to do to lessen the burden of medical expenses for the ordinary person in a country where the majority of citizens cannot afford a square meal.

Is it possible for the ideals of medicine — which used to be captured in the Hippocratic Oath — to meet the demands of the market? In other words, how does one juggle the demands of universal healthcare in a developing country and the desire by doctors to make money? Where does private practice meet public healthcare needs? If a doctor is trained using public resources, hospitals and laboratories are built using taxes paid by citizens, and the pharmaceutical industry is regulated by the state, how much leverage should the doctor have to practice privately? Dr Aluoch even touches on an issue that has become quite sensitive: the tens of tests that patients have to pay for these days when consulting a doctor.

His work

Explaining what he calls "perverse incentives", with reference to a situation "where additional diagnostic or therapeutic procedures command additional payments", Dr Aluoch writes, "In such a context, whether consciously or unconsciously, the doctor is likely to maximise services even of questionable necessity. This unfortunate effect of the profit motive may be serious in elective surgery, where the greater the capacity and opportunity for payment, the more will be the indications for surgery."

Well, there must be some family or individual out there fighting some hospital or doctor for a milling or two that is sucking them into poverty and more illness.

In the Footsteps of My Father, like all memoirs, is nostalgic. Dr Joseph Amolo Aluoch's story is one of hope, a hope built around industry, marriage, family, love, commitment to professionalism and celebration of one's humanity and that of others.

This is why you will find in this book not only an intellectual, a wise man, a family man, a good father, a man who appreciates his beer, a lover of dancing, a medical doctor but also just an ordinary human being. Without a doubt, Dr Aluoch has had a fulfilled life.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

New show by artist who creates visual harmony

Artist Moses Mungai is holding an exhibition of his paintings at the Creativity Gallery of the Nairobi National Museum. Organisers say: "Moses Muigai graduated from the Creative Art Centre in 2002. He comes from a family of artists. His father was a blacksmith and his siblings are artists, too. Using impasto, cubism techniques and palette knife, Moses creates a sense of harmony across his colourful figures. In 2014, the Kenya Wildlife Service invited Moses to open The Heritage Art Gallery at Mt Longonot National Park in Kenya's Rift Valley". The exhibition closes on August 31.

Beach marathon crowns 10-day cultural festival

A marathon will take place at the Jomo Kenyatta Public Beach today as part of activities in this year's Mombasa International Cultural Festival (MICF) that started on Friday. Showcases during the 10-day function are: dance, music, food bazaars, traditional garments, storytelling and water and beach sports. Organisers say: "The Mombasa International Cultural Festival was designed to inform, educate and celebrate our cultural diversity as a people, in one county. It is geared towards promoting our cultural heritage, cuisines, hospitality and history". The event will end next Sunday.


Applications open for artists residency plan

The Africa Centre, an organisation that strives to effect social change through contemporary artistic expression, has announced that applications for its 2015 Artists in Residency (Air) programme are now open. Each year, the Africa Centre provides artists with an opportunity to spend four to six weeks fully dedicated to developing their craft. This year, the organisation will offer 13 residencies. Air is seeking applications from high-calibre African artists who are "provocative, innovative, socially engaged and stretching the boundaries of their artistic practice". The deadline is September 30. Link: www.africacentre.net.

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THIS SAD EFFECT OF THE PROFIT MOTIVE MAY BE SERIOUS IN ELECTIVE SURGERY, WHERE THE GREATER THE CAPACITY FOR PAYMENT, THE MORE WILL BE THE INDICATIONS FOR SURGERY,"

TELEVISION


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KBC TV
5:00 BBC 5:30 Turning Point 6:00 In Touch Ministries 7:00 Worship Experience 8:00 Calvary Chosen Centre 8:30 Worship Experience 9:00 Celebration Times 9:30 Jijenge Imani Yako 10:00 Worship Experience 11:00 Homegrown 1:00 KBC Lunchtime News 1:30 Classmates 2:00 Daytime movie 3:30 Mkulima SS2 4:00 Kwa Raha Zangu 5:00 Sundowner 6:00 Documentary 7:00 Taarifa 7:30 Vioja Mahakamani 8:00 The Scoop 8:30 Mr. Box Office 9:00 Channel 1 News 10:00 Turning Point 10:30 CCTV 11:30 Worship Experience 12:30 BBC



turning on your world

TODAY

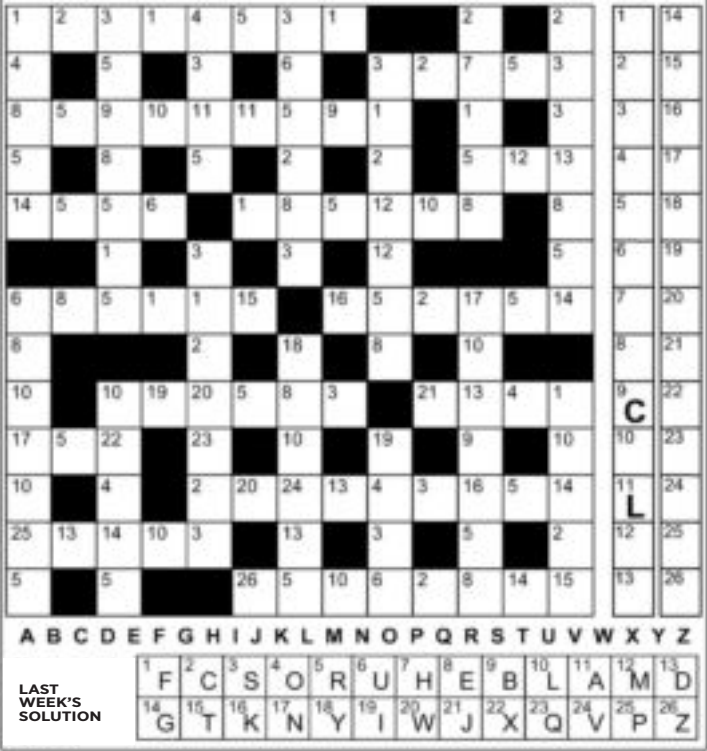
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9:00 Tabibu
9:30 Refreshing Times
10:00 Crossover 101
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1:30 #the Trend
3:00 Offside
3:30 Churchill Raw
4:30 Woman Without Limits
5:30 The N- Soko Property Show
6:0 Mali
6:30 Weddings With Nonny
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8:00 Churchill Show
9:00 NTV Weekend Edition
10:00 Movie: Slappy and The Stinker
12:00 CNN



N-SOKO PROPERTY SHOW @ 5:30PM

CODEWORD

Each number in our codeword grid represents a different letter of the alphabet. For example, today 11 represents L so fill in L every time the figure 11 appears. You have one letter in the control grid to start you off. Enter it in the appropriate squares in the main grid, and then use your knowledge of words to work out which letters should go in the missing squares. As you get the letters, fill in other squares with the same number in the main grid and control grid. Check off the list of alphabetical letters as you identify them. Solution in next week's paper.



Control grid letters: A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z


LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

1	F	C	S	O	R	U	H	E	B	L	A	M	D
14	G	T	K	N	Y	I	W	J	X	Q	V	P	Z

SUDOKU


Sudoku with Steers

Two winners get a Free Meal with Steers daily on 20567! Fill in the 3 shaded digits and send the values ABC to 20567 for your chance to win a Free Meal with Steers. Start the SMS with the word Sudoku e.g Sudoku 1,2,3 Check your Wednesday paper to see if you are a winner. Winners will be contacted directly by Steers within 2 weeks to receive their prize. SMS cost: 10/=

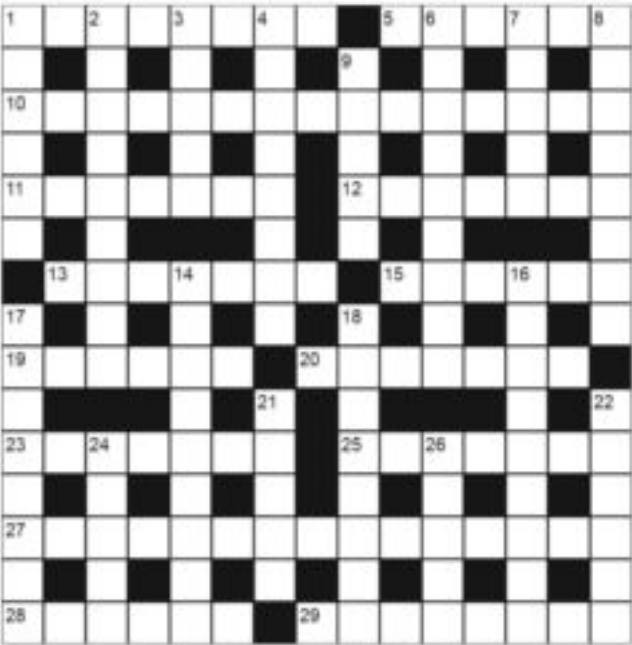


Yesterday's solution

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SENIOR CROSSWORD



- ACROSS
- 1 Not easy to trace printout (4,4)
5 A waterway in another country (6)
10 Lacrosse quartet playing a short distance away (2,5,8)
11 Peace, as occupied by the French (7)
12 Regular visitor needs a short time in shade (7)
13 Fail to notice I have a letter (7)
15 In Japan I mustn't find hostility (6)
19 Get back in gear after changing (6)
20 One provides accompaniment for fish first (7)
23 Pugilist's rib sure to be injured (7)
25 Woman grabbing doctor's instrument (7)
27 Bar need rolling pins for idle pleasure (4,3,8)
28 Twisted journalist faded away (6)
29 Caution shown by girl (8)
- DOWN
- 1 Transport running late to the end of the line (6)
2 Remembering engineers' vocation (9)
3 Bird's put on new hat for ceremony (5)
4 Keep page on top of book (8)
6 Basic essentials for a stripped-down figure? (4,5)
7 Finished on tee in Open? (5)
8 What chemists and faith healers do with drugs (8)
9 South American welcome dish (5)
14 Orderly needs craft and influence (9)
16 Monk's mule spilled fruit (4,5)
17 Expected expert with small child to get left inside (8)
18 Parliamentarian Liberal and manufacturer going round centre of Delaware (8)
21 One who may have had a prior engagement (5)
22 Girl's story about donkey (6)
24 Characters taking part in stupendous overthrow (5)
26 Estimated speed that's dangerous initially (5)

Last Week's Solution

ACROSS

- 7 Complies
9 Reason
10 Fast
11 Salespitch
12 Stolid
14 Teaparty
15 Canopy
17 Series
20 Offstage
22 Setter
23 Seanemone
24 Dali
25 Cohere
26 Sediment

DOWN

- 1 Romantic 2 Spat3 Missed 4 Armsrace
5 Capitalist 6 Lowcut 8 Salute 13
Landscaper 16 Platelet 17 Serous 21
Feedon 22 Steady 24 Dame

CINEMA GUIDE

NAIROBI
FOX CINEPLEX-SARIT CENTRE

- SCREEN I
"BROTHERS" (TBA)
11AM, 2.30PM, 5.30PM, 9PM
- SCREEN II
"MISSION IMPOSSIBLE: ROUGUE NATION" (TBA)
11AM, 3.45PM
"MINIONS" (3D) (P/G)
1.45PM
"THE FANTASTIC FOUR" (TBA)
7PM
"VACATION" (U/16)
9.20PM

CENTURY CINEMAX JUNCTION,
NGONG ROAD

- SCREEN I
"INSIDE OUT" (2D) (P/G)
10AM, 12PM, 2PM, 4PM, 6PM, 8PM
"VACATION " (2D) (18+)
10PM
- SCREEN II
"FANATASTIC FOUR" (3D) (PG)
10.45AM, 1PM, 3.15PM, 5.30PM, 7.45PM, 10PM
- SCREEN III
"MISSION IMPOSSIBLE: ROUGUE NATION" (2D) (PG 16)
12PM, 2.30PM, 5PM, 7.30PM, 10PM

- SCREEN IV
"MINIONS" (3D) (P/G 13)
10AM, 12PM, 2PM, 4PM, 6PM
"ANT MAN" (3D) (PG 13)
7.45PM, 10PM

PLANET MEDIA, PRESTIGE PLAZA,
NGONG ROAD

- "INSIDE OUT" (3D) PG)
1PM, 3.50PM
"THE FANTASTIC FOUR" (TBA)
6PM, 9PM
"VACATION" (16) 11AM
"MISSION IMPOSSIBLE: ROUGUE NATION" (16) 1.10PM, 9PM
"BROTHERS" (BOLLYWOOD) (TBA)
10AM, 3PM, 6PM

PLANET MEDIA, WESTGATE MALL

- "FANTASTIC FOUR" (2D) (TBA)
11.30AM, 2.30PM, 4.30PM, 6.30PM, 8.30PM
"MISSION IMPOSSIBLE 5: ROUGUE NATION" (2D) (TBA)
11AM, 1.30PM, 4PM, 6.30PM, 9PM
"INSIDE OUT" (2D) (G/E)
10.20AM, 12.20PM
"ANT MAN" (2D) (P/G)
2.20PM, 4.40PM
"MINIONS" (2D) (G/E)
11AM, 3.40PM
"VACATION"(2D) (16) 7PM
"BROTHERS" (BOLLYWOOD) (TBA)
11AM, 2.40PM, 5.40PM, 8.40PM
"BANGISTAN: (BOLLYWOOD) (PG)
1PM, 9PM
"DRISHYAM" (BOLLYWOOD) (PG)
5.30PM, 8.40PM

IMAX KENYA CINEMA, NAIROBI

- "MISSION IMPOSSIBLE 5: ROUGUE NATION" 8.10AM, 10.25AM, 12.40PM, 3PM, 5.30PM, 8PM, 9.50PM

ANGA SKY CINEMA, PANARI HOTEL

- "MISSION IMPOSSIBLE 5: ROUGUE NATION" 7AM, 11.20AM, 7.20PM, 12.40AM, 10PM
"THE FANTASTIC FOUR" (TBA)
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"INSIDE OUT" 3.10PM
"BROTHERS"
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"BANGISTAN"
12PM, 12.20AM
"MINIONS" 2.20PM

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PLANET MEDIA CINEMAS,
NAKUMATT MEGA CITY MALL

- "THE FANTASTIC FOUR" (TBA)
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"MISSION IMPOSSIBLE 5: ROUGUE NATION" (16)
4.20PM
"BJARANGI BHAIIJAN" (P/G)3.10PM
"BROTHERS" (TBA)
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"INSIDE OUT" (PG) 2.30PM

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